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September 2026 Newsletter

Irish News

- Irish now has a roster of 18 skaters, 1 full-time goalie, and 1 emergency backup goalie for the 2026/27 season and are playing in the Varsity White division for Illinois West.
- The season schedule is complete and has been finalized with all teams and Illinois West. The first game is Saturday 9/12/26 at Ice Valley at 5:45pm vs D230 Saints.
- Starting today, practices will now be Tuesday and Thursday nights: 7-8pm KCC weight room, 8-8:30pm chalk talk, 8:45-10:15pm on ice practice.
- Irish jackets and skater bags have all been delivered and passed out to those that ordered. Jerseys have shipped from Boathouse and are due to be delivered 9/10 and 9/11. Everything will be passed out by the first game on 9/12.
- Tony Johnston will be joining the coaching staff this season as a "coaching intern." The coaches and Lisa felt it would be a good opportunity as a learning year. He has expressed interest in coaching at the high school level. This year he can learn from our coaching staff and hopefully we will be able to utilize him in future years when we are looking to add to our high school coaching staff.
- We are still evaluating tournament options for the season. We had previously looked into traveling to Nashville, as some had requested it. Unfortunately, the only tournament option that fits our schedule was sold out quickly. Once we determine other options, we will communicate with the team.
- Corinne has opened up a sign up for time clock training on our website. You will have to sign into your crossbar account, and it will be listed under volunteer opportunities. They will be on Monday, 9/14 at 6pm and Thursday, 9/17 at 8pm. Please plan to attend if you would like to assist with running the time clock for home games. Sign-ups for any club volunteer opportunities will also be listed in that section on your account.
- Crystal has individual game sign up opportunities listed in crossbar under each specific game. We will need 2 yellow jacket volunteers (crowd control), scoreboard and scorekeeper (via Gamesheets app).
- Irish pictures are set for Tuesday October 27. Aimee Koronkowski will be taking pictures again this year. Any sibling pictures can be done either on Monday the 26th or on Tuesday with Irish.
- Reminder: If you haven't returned your Illinois West Zero Tolerance form to Lisa, please do so asap. They are supposed to be completed and turned in before our first game. Also don't forget to turn in your waiver for the Fitness Center if you have not already done so.
- Reminder: USA Hockey approved neck guards are a USA Hockey equipment requirement. If your player does not have a neck guard on, they will be unable to take the ice at practices and games.

Coyote News

- Our season officially kicked off with Mites and Squirt practices yesterday and Peewee and Bantams today! It's great to see all the players back on the ice, and amazing to see several players new to our club joining this season!
- All teams had a parent/team meeting to discuss the season, and managers are also all set in Crossbar, where they will continue to give any updates throughout the season.
- Peewee and Bantams CSDHL pre-tier scheduling opened yesterday, 9/9, and will officially be closed on 9/12. Six games are to be scheduled and completed between 9/18 and 10/18. Managers Mike and Lauren have been doing a great job, and all games are tentatively scheduled as of 9/10. However, games may change until 9/12 at noon, so both managers may share the schedules with their teams, but they are still subject to change. We appreciate both managers' hard work, especially adjusting to a new league and a new scheduling system.
- Managers had a CSDHL meeting on Monday and will share with teams any updates and information needed for the season.
- Mites and Squirt scheduling will be held in person on 9/20 in Franklin Park. Managers will share schedules that day once they are able to. NWHL pre-tiering is 6 games and will be played between the dates of Oct 2nd- Nov 8th.
- NWHL will have their next meeting Tuesday, 9/15 with more details for the season. I will be out of town, so Corinne Zagorski will be joining via Zoom.
- All managers have received their updated iPads, and managers will set up Gamesheet training for each team. Corinne also set up score clock training, which will take place Monday 9/14 at 6:00 and Thursday 9/17 at 8:00. Doing the score clock or scoresheet is a great way to earn volunteer credit and help out your team!
- The first set of jerseys should be arriving tomorrow and will be available for players to pick up at practices next week. Any player who will not have a jersey in time for their first game should contact their manager, so arrangements can be made for a temporary jersey.
- Picture days have been set for Monday, Oct 26th and Tuesday, Oct 27th; dates have been shared with managers. Times and more details will follow in Crossbar closer to the date. Aimee Koronkowski was kind enough to agree to do our pictures again this year.

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Volunteering Requirements

As part of registration, families have agreed to fulfill volunteer hours. This is tracked by the volunteer coordinator. Please see the requirements in the attached document. This document and a continually evolving list of opportunities can be found on the website under parent resources. Opportunities to volunteer will be communicated through newsletters and through team chats throughout the year.

New This Year...

Families may choose a buyout option, at the rate of 1 credit = $20. This money will go directly to their player(s) team(s) to be used toward team costs (Money may be used to offset the cost of tournaments, provide tournament swag bags/door hangers, snacks, or team parties. It is up to the discretion of the team manager how team funds are spent. At the conclusion of the volunteer year (February 15th), any unfulfilled credits will be charged to the player's crossbar account as a donation.

Volunteers Needed

- Please consider learning the Scoreboard and the Gamesheets app. These are jobs that must be done for every home game and our managers struggle to fill these positions consistently. It is ideal that many people from each team are trained to volunteer in this capacity. If you were unable to attend the trainings, you are welcome to speak to your manager or Corinne (volunteer@kankeehockey.com) and we can get you trained!
- The Fundraising committee is looking for a few more volunteers. If you are interested in working with this committee, please reach out to Volunteer@kankaeehockey.com
- We will be cleaning out and updating the trophy case. We need a few volunteers to help with this effort. Please contact volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.
- Marketing and promotions is looking for a dedicated volunteer at each team to record short videos and load them to team Photocirlce accounts for use in social media posts. Reach out to Volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.
- We are still in need of a volunteers to represent **Clifton Central** on the Irish Highschool Committee. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to volunteer@kankakeehockey.com

Family Fundraising

These are optional fundraisers that families may use to go directly to their accounts.

What interests you?

The committee would like to know what fundraisers interest you the most. Please take a moment to fill out this quick survey.

https://form.jotform.com/262533588490062

Hockey Sweepstakes

The next fundraiser will be a Hockey Sweepstakes. More Information coming soon!

As a reminder these fundraisers are completely optional and for your benefit. You may choose to participate in as many or little as your family prefers.

Upcoming Dates

Scoreboard/Clock Training: 9/14 6:00pm and 9/17 8:00pm
Beat the Stink Laundry Fundraiser delivery: 9/16
Board Meeting: 10/5 7:00PM
Team pictures: 10/26 and 10/27
More information regarding specific times will be sent out.

