



February 2026 Newsletter



Irish News

- Irish record: 20-11-0 in league play, 21-12-1 overall this season. Irish ended the Illinois West season in 5th place after losing in the quarter final series 1-2-0 against OPRF.
- The practice schedule has been adjusted for the remainder of the season leading up to the next tournament. For the month of February, practice will continue with Thursday nights at the normal times. We are looking to hopefully add practices Tuesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 5th at the 8:30-10pm time slot, and Wednesday, March 11th from 7:30-9pm. Exact practice times for March will be communicated via crossbar once confirmed.
- The next Skate with the Irish is set tentatively for Tuesday March 10th from 6:45p-8:15pm. This is open to 7th, 8th, and current high school students. Be on the lookout for a sign-up.
- Senior Night, also known as "Tony Night," was a great evening. We got to celebrate our Senior (Captain) and ended the night with a great win vs Minooka. We wish all the best to Tony in his future endeavors. We hope to see him and the Johnston's at future events and games. Also, a huge thank you to all the parents that helped with decorating and setting up to make his night a great one.
- Illinois West All Star teams have been set. Forwards Dexter Nordmeyer and Brodie Most, as well as defenseman Tony Johnston have been nominated by the coaches to represent the Irish this year. The All-Star game will be played at Rosemont Ice Arena on Sunday March 8th at 4pm. Congrats guys!!
- Irish banquet will be held at the Kankakee Boat Club on Friday March 27th. Please Sign up on Crossbar to volunteer to help set up.

Coyote News



- Coyote Teams records in league play:
 - Mite 2-8
 - Squirt 10-0
 - Peewee 7-2-2
 - Bantam 9-0-1
- Regular season play will end on Feb 22nd and playoffs may start as soon as the 26th. Keep an eye on crossbar for the schedule. Managers will share any changes to the March practice schedule on crossbar as well.
- All four Coyote teams attended the MLK Tournament in Madison, WI. The Squirt and Peewee teams both won 1st place in their divisions. Both the Mite and Bantam teams won their consolidation game and took 3rd place.
- Coyote day with the Wolves is scheduled for March 15th. An email has gone out to families with details for ticket purchase. This will be a fun night of camaraderie please consider joining us!
- 8th grade night is scheduled for February 21st at 7:00pm. Come cheer on our graduating 8th graders!

Spring Registration

8U Mites & 10U Squirts: NWHL

Skaters- \$500, including jerseys

Season- Season with playoffs runs March 30-May 31. Includes 8 games plus playoffs

Practice- 1 hour split ice, once a week (T, W or Th), TBD based on coach availability

12U Peewees & 14U Bantams: NIHL

Skaters- \$500, including jerseys

Season- Season with playoffs runs April 1-June 7. Includes 6-8 games plus playoffs

Practice- 1 hour split ice, once a week (T, W or Th), TBD based on coach availability

18U Midgets: NIHL

Skaters- \$500, including jerseys

Season- Season with playoffs runs April 1-June 7. Includes 6-8 games plus playoffs

Practice- 1 hour once a week (T, W or Th), TBD based on coach availability

Goalies:

Full time goalies at all levels play free, only pay \$75 for jerseys.

Teams with multiple goalies, (that choose to skate out when not in net), \$250 including jerseys

Practice Only Or Jersey Purchases:

There are practice and jersey only options.

Jerseys will be available for purchase for any players who are not participating in league play.

REGISTER HERE



Mom's Night Out 2026 Friday April 3rd
6-8pm

\$34/per person & cash bar @ Plate'd Social
 • gourmet pizzas
 • pretzel bites & beer cheese
 • chicken tenders & truffle fries
 • Caesar salad

315 Champions Way,
Bourbonnais
(behind Kohls)

tshirt/sweatshirt
info coming
soon!

RSVP and Venmo/payment due
by March 16th
Questions? Rachel 815-216-8171

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Order your Hockey Mom Night Out shirt here.
<https://forms.gle/8ndWkdZoWpq6EFuZ7>

Volunteer

Family Fundraiser: The club would like to launch a laundry soap fundraiser with fall registration. If you are interested in coordination this so that it is ready to go when we open fall registration, please reach out to Corinne at Volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.

There will be opportunities for volunteering during the summer months at markets and events. Keep your eyes open!

Conduct Reminder

As we head into the playoff portion of the season, emotions and adrenalin can be high. Please continue to be respectful to the refs, other teams, coaches, all players, and the people working in the box during games. Volunteers for the scoreboard, scoresheet and penalty box, are reminded that they are acting as a game official. Also, as a reminder, parents are not allowed on the ice or the bench.

Family Fundraising

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

Butter Braids

Sales will be credited to Spring fees.

Announcements

Little Blackhawks is coming back to Ice Valley! When there is a finalized plan, we will be sharing on our social media. Please help us support the program and spread the word.

Ad books are out! It is recommended that players write and deliver a handwritten thank you note with a copy of the ad book to each of their sponsors.

Marketing is still looking for **Photocircle submissions**. The committee will continue to pull from these folders throughout the summer months for social media posts.

[Mite Photocircle](#)
[Squirt Photocircle](#)
[Peewee Photocircle](#)
[Bantam Photocircle](#)

Dine and Donate



February 18th
5:00 -8:00pm

Located at 484 S. Kennedy Drive, Bradley

The club will earn 50% of your entire purchase! Present the flyer below (also in this season's parent resources tab on the website.)

Upcoming Dates

Dine and Donate Taco Johns:
 2/18 5-8pm (Kennedy Dr.)

8th grade Night: 2/21 7:00pm
 at Ice Valley

NWHL Playoffs: Feb 26th-
 March 8th

Board Meeting: 3/5 6:30 at
 Ice Valley

Skate with the Irish: 3/10
 6:45-8:15pm

KYHC at the Wolves: 3/15 See
 the flyer for details

Irish Banquet: 3/27
 at the Kankakee Boat Club

Mom Night Out: 4/3 6-8pm

Coyote Banquet: 4/10 6:00pm
 at the Elks Club

Congratulations to our Coyote Coach of they Year Jim Jamicich!