



2026-2027 Travel Season Parent Meeting

August 16, 2026

Agenda

- WHA Vision
 - What's New This Year
- Guidance for You and Your Player
- Hear from the Hockey Director
 - Development Approach
 - Tryout Process
- Questions & Answers
- Raffle!



WHA Vision

A top youth hockey program where players can develop their skills, play at their highest level, and enjoy the game of hockey



Building on Our Success



Another Great Year

CS Playoffs

- Bantam Minor – 2nd Place
- PeeWee Major – 2nd Place
- PeeWee 1 – 2nd Place
- PeeWee 2 – 1st Place
- Squirt Major – 1st Place

CUHL Playoffs

- Mite 1 – Champions

AHAI State Tournament

- Bantam Minor – State Runner Up
- PeeWee Major – 4th Place
- PeeWee Minor – 4th Place
- PeeWee 2 – State Champions
- Squirt Major – State Champions



Jr. Trevians Hockey Philosophy

The Jr. Trevians hockey program is proud to be rooted in Wilmette and built on the relationships, traditions, and community that make youth hockey special.

We are committed to welcoming any players who want to be part of the Jr. Trevians community and share our commitment to development, competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Our goal is to field the most competitive Tier 2 program in Illinois while ensuring every Jr. Trevians player, regardless of skill level, has the opportunity to develop and to compete at the highest level that is right for them.



What's New for this Season

Continuing to enhance the Jr. Trevians program

- Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club Skates
 - Program-sponsored, age-specific drop in skills from 7 am - 8 am on Wednesdays
- More full ice for Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam teams
- Enhance development across all players/teams at a given age level
 - Cory Hextall working with all Squirt teams each week
- Improved goalie development with a new partner, Goalie Nation Academy
- Cory and Jeff continuing to lead skills, including powerskating, each week for Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam teams
- Improved slush fund management
 - Shared google doc accessible by all parents on a team



Why is Hockey So Expensive?

- Majority of our costs (almost 97%) directly go to getting kids on to the ice for practice and games:
 - Ice (over 50%)
 - Coaches (almost 40%)
 - Tournament Fees
 - Referee Fees
 - League Fees
 - State Playoff Fees (club pays all state playoff costs for all teams)
- The club operates at roughly breakeven with a small budgeted reserve



WHA Board

The WHA Board sets the vision and handles off ice administration of the club

- Hockey Director and other hockey staff/coaches handle all hockey decisions

Interested in getting involved?

- Email, call, or talk with one of our current board members

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Important Season Info



2026-2027 Projected Teams

- Mites
 - 5 Teams
- Squirts
 - 4 Teams
- PeeWees
 - 5 Teams
- Bantams
 - 3 - 4 Teams



Uniforms

- Game jerseys and game socks are for games only
 - Always bring both colors to games!
- Provided practice jersey and socks should be worn for all practices
- White helmets are required
 - Jr. Trevians logo stickers and player numbers will be provided after start of season by your team manager
 - No other stickers other than league provided stickers and Jr. Trevian logo and numbers
- Pant shells or custom Jr. Trevians pants are a part of the uniform for Squirr, PeeWee and Bantam players, must be worn for games
 - Mite players should have blue pants
- *Players must have Jr. Trevians warm ups*



Ordering Uniforms and Gear/Apparel

- **LAST** travel game jersey fitting with Jerry's Hockey on Wednesday, September 2nd from 5pm to 6:30pm at Centennial Ice Rink in the mezzanine room
 - Order game jerseys, practice jerseys, pants/shells, warm ups, etc.
- Game socks and practice socks will be distributed the first week of practice at Centennial
 - Date and Time TBD
- Items ordered from Jerry's at the Spring fitting will be distributed that week as well
- Apparel and other swag is available via Jerry's Hockey online shop (limited time only) or humanKIND
 - Jerry's Hockey shop (only open August 31st through September 3rd)
 - Purchase same items as available at the fitting
 - humanKIND shop: <https://humankind.shop/pages/wilmette-jr-trevians-hockey>
 - Purchase shirts, hoodies, hats
- ***Warm ups are required this year and are available from Jerry's Hockey (order at fitting or online)***
- Please contact Martha Borre for uniform and apparel questions (uniforms@jrtrevianshockey.org)



Information on Leagues

- Mites play in CUHL
- Squirts, PeeWees and Bantams play in CSDHL Birth Year Division or Prospects Divisions
 - S squirt Minor (2017) & Prospects
 - Will have a 2016 team that plays in Prospects
 - PeeWee Minor (2015) & Major (2014) & Prospects
 - Bantam Minor (2013) & Major (2012) & Prospects

Details about CS Prospects

- Red, White and Blue Divisions w/ multiple tiers in each division
- Season is 6 game seeding round plus a 20 game regular season
- Prospects divisions plays a 5 minute, 3v3 sudden death overtime (same as major/minor)
- Prospects divisions/tiers will have an 8 team playoff



Jr. Trevians Day at NSIA

- Club-wide celebration
 - October 17th at NSIA
 - Banner raising from the 2025-2026 season
 - Full day of travel games
 - Food and drinks throughout the day
 - Raffle prizes



Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday

- There will be hockey games the weekend before (Nov 21 & 22)
 - Major/Minor teams may play games the weekend of Nov 28 & 29
 - Teams will not participate in the Wishbone Tournament
 - All teams will practice on Monday & Tuesday of Thanksgiving week (optional attendance)
- There will be no hockey games or practices from Dec 19 - Jan 3

November

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer opportunities are found in your crossbar account page
 - Volunteering is a great way to get involved and become a board member
- How to assist the club
 - Check-ins for Conditioning clinics and Tryouts
 - Jr. Trevian Day
 - Photo Day
 - Other miscellaneous opportunities
- How to help your team
 - Manager
 - Locker room monitors
 - Social Coordinator
 - Travel/Tournament Support
 - Treasurer
- At games (does not count towards required hours)
 - Scorekeeper
 - Clock



WHA Expectations

Our club policies and what we expect from parents and players in order to have a great season and a great hockey club



Jr. Trevian Parents

- How you can help your player and the program:
 - Ensure players are on time and ready to play
 - Make sure they have their required equipment and uniforms
 - Encourage them to play by the rules
 - Respect and recognize the role of the coaches
 - Promote a growth mindset
 - Be positive and supportive, and praise good effort
 - Be a good spectator
- Review Expected Player Behaviors and the Zero Tolerance policy with your player
- A note on behavior at games:
 - Removal from a game by a referee is a mandatory 5 game suspension



Expected Tryout Behavior

- What parents can expect...
 - Fair evaluations based on skills and potential, and with multiple staff input
 - Placement at the right level of play so that your player can have a good experience
- What we expect from parents...
 - To not contact hockey staff or board prior to tryouts about team placement
 - To wait 24 hours after team placement if you need to contact hockey staff unless declining a spot
 - To be excited for your player and their team



Centennial Rink Behavior

- Park district facility
- No bonfires or tailgating in the parking lot
- No alcohol
- Be sure younger siblings are supervised during practices and games



Zero Tolerance Policies

- Behavior considered detrimental to hockey and the program
 - May result in disciplinary action from the club, league or AHAI R&E
- Applies to players, parents, and coaches
- ***Derogatory language about someone's race, sexual orientation, gender, etc. is unacceptable under any circumstances and will result in a suspension***



Locker Room Policy

- Only players, coaches, and certified Safe Sport Volunteers are allowed in Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantams
- For co-ed locker rooms, players must have on the bottom layer or use the bathroom to change their bottom layer
- **No cell phones, mobile devices, or recording devices of any kind are allowed**
- Any music that can be heard by others must be radio playable and not include sexist or racist language
- Players are to clean up the locker rooms before leaving
- Safe sport trained, background checked locker room monitors are required
 - 5-6 volunteers are needed per team to be background checked, safe sport trained, and trained for LR monitoring



WHA Staff

Jeff Rozanski

Hockey Director



Bill Martin

Mite Director



Cory Hextall

Director of Player
Development



Jr. Trevians Development Focus

- Emphasis on playing hockey the right way
 - Puck movement and possession
- Age level specific development goals
 - New role for Cory to help all Squirt teams
- Enhanced goalie development
 - Partnering with Goalie Nation Academy
 - More feedback to parents and goalies after goalie clinics



Tryout Process

- Goal is to place each player on the team that best matches their current level of development while building competitive teams and creating a positive environment
 - Team placement is based on the collective judgment of experienced hockey evaluators, no single coach makes roster decisions alone
 - While the tryout is the primary contributor to placements, previous performance during prior seasons is considered
- Hockey is a complex game, and player evaluation cannot be reduced to a single drill or score – evaluators consider a combination of:
 - Skating ability and puck skills
 - Hockey sense and decision-making, compete level and work ethic, positioning and awareness
 - Coachability, attitude/behavior, and team play
 - Athleticism, including speed, strength, and overall movement
 - Positional fit and team needs
- Why are tryouts closed?
 - Want players to focus and not be distracted by parents
 - What you see and the coaches are looking for may not be the same



Q&A with WHA Board and Staff



