



September 2025 Newsletter

Scarecrow Festival

Marketing and Promotions committee is putting together two scarecrows for the Bourbonnais Scarecrow Festival! They need items to decorate it. Please see the sign up on website to donate items and earn volunteer credits *Donations will be subject to weathering. We will keep everything to repurpose in future marketing promotions.

The scarecrow will be up by the 21st, be sure to stop by and vote for KYHC!

We also are looking for someone to create a yard sign with the Irish and Coyote logos and a QR to the website. Volunteer credits will be awarded!

Can you Help???

Scarecrow Festival Donations:

Irish Scarecrow:
old Irish jersey
pants
stick

Coyote Scarecrow:
old Coyote jersey
pants
stick
skates

Any Size
will do!

Ref gear:
gloves
helmet
ref shirt (can be a long sleeve white shirt)
ref pants (long black pants)

*Donations needed by 9/17/25

We Need your old gear!

Goalie gear:
skeleton
small net
old gear (pads, blocker, glove, stick)

Get Involved!

Game Day Volunteering

We will be using an app called GameSheet at both Irish and Coyote levels instead of the old score sheets. Come learn how to use the new app and run the scoreboard for games. 1 Volunteer credit just or coming!

Keep an eye on
Crossbar for dates!



🕒 Date and Time

Saturday Sep 27, 2025

Begins at 5:00pm at Manteno Middle School drop-off lane (NE side)
7:00pm Parade starts

📍 Location

Manteno Middle School
250 N Poplar St, Manteno, IL 60950

Octoberfest Parade

KYHC is walking/skating in the Octoberfest Parade. See the website to sign-up to join us and/or donate candy.

This is a great way to bond with the team and earn some volunteer credits at the same time!



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Ad Book

Ad book is taking submissions. 80% of the ad cost goes directly to the players account!
See the flyer for more info.

Picture Day

Pictures will take place on October 22nd & 23rd. More information coming soon.

Decals

Car decals and stickers will be available to order. They will offer 6- and 3-inch sizes for Coyotes and Irish. We will also offer a special 20th anniversary sticker in the 3-inch size.
Orders open soon!

Community Schools Partnership Committee

We are hoping to partner with area schools. This year our initiative will be to reach out to high schools in an effort to get our players recognized!

We have some good ideas to implement and guidance on how to communicate with the schools. We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to represent each school. Please sign up on the website if you are interested.

We have already been able to start a relationship with Bishop McNamara!

**Help
Wanted!**

Dine and Donate Day

Help raise funds for the club. Money raised during dine and donate days is used to supplement our operating budget. The more the club raises, the more we can keep our costs affordable for all families.



Blanket Fundraiser

Proceeds will be split evenly and added to team funds!



<https://mydesigns.teamthrows.com/f/wrap-up-for-a-win/>

How do get my volunteer credits?

We will be using Crossbar to track volunteer credits. It is your responsibility to keep track of your credits and make sure you are signing up on Crossbar. If you do not sign up on crossbar, you will not get the credit.

Committee and all call for volunteers:

Visit the website.

Click account in the drop down menu

Click volunteer in the dropdown menu

Choose the activity you would like to volunteer for and add your name.

The credits will be automatically applied.

Please reach out to volunteer@kankakeehockey.com with any questions

Game Volunteering:

Sign ups for game volunteering will also be on Crossbar and will automatically be applied to your account. These will come from the team manager

Visit our Website

www.kankakeehockey.com



Irish News

- Prior to the first home game, a training will be offered for the clock and Gamesheets. We will need volunteers for both jobs at home games. Keep an eye on Crossbar for this announcement.
- We will also need 1 volunteer per game, home and away, for the yellow jacket. This is for crowd control for our own team.
- Crystal will be requesting volunteers to sign up in Crossbar.
- Please make sure everyone has read and completed the Illinois West zero tolerance policy. The league requires this to be completed prior to the first league game.
- Irish will be volunteering at Sleep In Heavenly Peace for their bed building day on September 13th at Peoples Bank in Kankakee from 9-12pm. If anyone that has not signed up yet would like to, the sign-up link is posted on their Facebook page. Any volunteers under 16 will need approval from a parent in order to volunteer.



Coyote News

- Mites and Squirts each have 13 registered players for the 2025-22026 season. The Peewees have 14 registered players. Thanks to a few Pee wee players that expressed interest in being evaluated to move up, Bantams have 12 full time registered players with 2 additional players that are double rostered with the Irish team
- Managers will attend a NWHL scheduling meeting on September 21st. Pre-tier schedules will be available after that. Schedules are subject to change during the following week.
- Pre-tier play may start as early as September 26th and run through November 9th.
- The league is now utilizing a digital scoring app called Gamesheets in leu of paper scoring. Northwest Hockey League managers meeting is being held 9/21/25 to discuss GameSheets and any other season information.
- Prior to the first home game, we will offer training for parents on running the clock and the new Gamesheets application. Keep an eye on Crossbar for this announcement.

20 years of Coyotes!!

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| KANKAKEE IRISH 2025/2026 SCHEDULE | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 @ OPRF 5:30PM |
| | SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 VS GLENBARD 3:15PM |
| | SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 @ LYONS 12:20PM |
| | SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 VS NAPERVILLE 5:45PM |
| | FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 @ GLENBARD 7:30PM |
| | SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 @ NAPERVILLE 7:45PM |
| | SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 @ MAINE 6:30PM |
| | SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 @ DUPAGE 3:50PM |
| | SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 VS LINCOLN WAY 5:45PM |
| | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 VS OSWEGO 7:00PM |
| | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8 VS LYONS 6:30PM |
| | SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 @ MINOOKA 4:10PM |
| | FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 @ NEUQUA VALLEY 9:10PM |
| | SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 VS DUPAGE 5:45PM |
| | FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 VS NEUQUA VALLEY 5:45PM |
| | SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 VS HINSDALE CENTRAL 7:00PM |
| | SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 VS WARRIORS 5:45PM |
| | FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 @ OSWEGO 8:50PM |
| | SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 VS MAINE 6:30PM |
| | SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 VS PLAINFIELD 6:00PM |
| | SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 @ PLAINFIELD 1:30PM |
| | SATURDAY JANUARY 3 VS SAINTS 6:00PM |
| | SUNDAY JANUARY 4 @ SAINTS 5:00PM |
| | SATURDAY JANUARY 10 @ HINSDALE CENTRAL 1:00PM |
| | SATURDAY JANUARY 17 @ WARRIORS 7:45PM |
| | FRIDAY JANUARY 23 @ LINCOLN WAY 6:30PM |
| | SATURDAY JANUARY 24 VS MINOOKA 6:30PM |
| | SUNDAY JANUARY 25 VS OPRF 4:30PM |

HOME GAMES DESIGNATED IN GOLD AND PLAYED AT ICE VALLEY IN KANKAKEE

