

Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club 2011 – 2012 Season

Information/Registration Package

The Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club was founded in 1998. The Charter of the Club is to provide an organized environment for boys and girls in grades 5 – 12 who reside in the Spring-Ford School District to participate in the sport of ice hockey. We have teams participating at the Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels. Our Varsity and Junior Varsity teams compete in the Inter-County Scholastic Hockey League, and our Middle School team competes in the Middle School Ice Hockey League at Ice Line in West Chester. Our teams practice at Center Ice, Oaks.

Our Club has been organized and is governed by parent volunteers. Coaches also serve on a volunteer basis. Heavy emphasis is given to skill development and physical training. The Club is funded totally by membership dues and fund-raising events that are conducted by the Club in an effort to keep the program affordable to all interested families. We have an active membership and encourage all new members' involvement and participation in Club activities.

Club Fees

The club fees for 2011/2012 represent our best estimate of what the final costs will be. The costs are subject to change until our ice contracts and player numbers are finalized.

	Middle School	High School
Player Fees:		
Fee Per Player	\$975.00	\$1250.00
Membership Discounts:		
Head Coach	\$150.00	\$200.00
Assistant Coach	\$75.00	\$100.00
Goalie	\$150.00	\$200.00
Multiple Player (per player after the first)	\$75.00	\$100.00
Payment Discounts*:		
Payment By July 31	5%	5%
Payment Schedule:		
September 15	One Third of Fee Due	
October 15	Second Third of Fee Due	
November 15	Remaining Balance of the Fee Due	

*Discount can only be taken if the club fee is **paid in full** by the date noted above.

Please mail payments to:

***Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club
P.O. Box 1132
Oaks, PA
19456-1132***

If a player's fee is not current, in accordance with the payment schedule noted above, then that

player will be made ineligible to play or practice with the club. Any member who is unable to meet the payment schedule must contact the Club Treasurer in order to arrange an extended payment schedule. Scholastic Ineligibility or suspension from the club for a violation of the code of conduct outlined in our handbook does not defer your responsibility as members for any and all payments to the Club.

There is also a USA Hockey registration fee for players who are not registered with another team during the 2011 – 2012 season. The fee is approximately \$40 and is in addition to the club fees.

All USA Hockey Registration must be completed on-line. This includes payment. The SFIHC will not be collecting any related fees. Go to: www.usahockeyregistration.com, click on Players/Coaches and follow the directions through the “check-out” portion. You will be asked for payment information. Be sure to print out the registration confirmation and bring it with you on the first day of the summer camp so your child can step on the ice. No form, no ice time. This year camp begins August 22nd, 2011.

Dues Refund Policy

Membership dues shall not be refunded except they may be prorated as follows:

1. If a Player relocates to another school district and is deemed ineligible by the league, after Club petitioning, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made, or
2. If the Player suffers a physical disability supported by a medical certification preventing him or her from playing ice hockey, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made.

Refunds shall be prorated.

Summer training camp will be held the week of August 22nd at Center Ice.

The club will hold an “Equipment Night” during the summer training camp. You can fit your Player and order Jerseys, Shells, and Socks at that time. Payments have to be made before orders are placed.

Requirements

The following are requirements before a player may participate in the August evaluations:

- Registration Agreement (signed)
- Birth Certificate (**1 copy for new players only**)
- USA Hockey Registration on-line printout
- Parental Medical Consent/Release
- Medical History
- Equipment Required
- Player must be current on payment schedule to be eligible to participate in camp

Equipment Requirements

Skaters

- Regulation helmet with ear protection flaps
- Full-face mask (approved type)
- Mouthpiece (MUST BE COLORED, NOT CLEAR, AND ATTACHED TO THE HELMET)
- Shoulder and elbow pads
- Gloves
- Shin Guards
- Pants with thigh guards (the Club makes available for purchase shells for all players)
- Protective hard cup
- Skates
- Hockey Stick
- Throat protectors/collars (not required; however, highly recommended)

All players are required to purchase 2 pair of club stockings and 2 jerseys (home and away) and club shell for pants.

Goalies

- Helmets with approved cages
- Protective hard cup
- Mouthpiece (MUST BE COLORED, NOT CLEAR, AND ATTACHED TO THE HELMET)
- Skates
- Goal Hockey Stick
- Goal Pants
- Leg Pads
- Body Protector
- Blocker
- Throat protectors/collars (not required; however, highly recommended)
- Catching Glove

All players are required to purchase 2 pair of club stockings and 2 jerseys (home and away) and club shell for pants.

Our Equipment coordinator will contact new players for sizes, prices, and numbers.

Team Selection

Players shall participate according to Grade Level:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Middle School 'B'	5 th -8 th
Middle School 'A'	5 th -8 th
Junior Varsity	9 th -12 th
Varsity	9 th -12 th

There could be very rare circumstances when players may be evaluated to play on the next higher age level than the one to which they qualify: e.g. middle school 8th graders may play junior varsity. Cases as such will be referred to the board of directors and head coaches on an individual basis. There will be no appeal of final decisions.

REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the parents and/or natural guardians of _____ ('Player') and the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club ('Club'), collectively the 'Parties' entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011.

1. By signing this agreement, Player agrees to play for the Club and the Club agrees to provide ice skating time in its program.
2. This signatory(s) assert(s) that the Player is not affiliated with any other Middle School or ICSHL Club for the 2011 – 2012 season.
3. The parties recognize that ice hockey is a vigorous, highly competitive sport, involving substantial body contact. Some required equipment is dangerous, such as sticks skates and pucks. Learning and playing this sport requires discipline and acceptance of some risk of physical injuries.
4. With proper equipment and cooperation such as those specified in the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club Sportsmanship Code and Rules of Conduct, the hazards inherent in the sport of ice hockey can be reduced, although they cannot be eliminated entirely.
5. The Player agrees to purchase insurance from USA Hockey to cover limited claims for injuries.
6. The undersigned hereby represents that the above named Player has been examined by a licensed physician and is medically fit to participate in the program, and accordingly, the undersigned hereby RELEASES, INDEMNIFIES, AND HOLDS HARMLESS, the Club and its authorized agents from any liability arising out of failure to obtain such examination.
7. The undersigned hereby AUTHORIZES and GRANTS PERMISSION to the coach, assistant coach, manager or other official of the Club to have the Player examined and treated by a physician and/or admitted for hospital care should such care become necessary while the Player is in their charge. The undersigned further gives authority to any physician, nurse or hospital to perform such examination treatment as may in their best judgment be necessary or desirable under the circumstances.
8. The signatory(s) understand(s) that the remittance submitted with this agreement will be applied toward Player's registration fee as described on the attached schedule. The Club reserves the right to reject any application.
9. The undersigned understands that scholastic ineligibility does not defer or suspend Player registration fee obligation as described.
10. By signing this agreement, the signatory(s) agree(s) to make all payments according to the schedule attached to this agreement as determined by the Player's team assignment. It is understood that should a player no longer chose to play with the club all fees are non-refundable, except:
 - a. If a Player relocates to another school district and is deemed ineligible by the league, after Club petitioning, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made, or
 - b. If the Player suffers a physical disability supported by a medical certification preventing him or her from playing ice hockey for the remainder of the season, in which events a pro-rated refund will be made.

- 11. By signing this agreement, the signatory(s) agree(s) to be bound by the by-laws, Rules and regulations of USA Hockey and of the ICSHL, or the Middle School league, and the Code of Conduct. Conditions of participation, Registration fee policy and rules and regulations of the Sportsmanship code and the code of conduct of the Club. Continued or serious violation of the Rules and Regulations and/or the instructions of coaches, assistant coaches, and managers will constitute grounds for suspension of participation in Club programs and/or termination of membership by the Board of Directors of the Club without refund.
- 12. Coaches, assistant coaches, managers, drivers and the directors and officers of the Club serve voluntarily and without compensation as a service to the members and Players of the Club and to promote the goals of the Club. Parents and guardians have primary responsibility for providing transportation to and from games, practices, and other related events.
- 13. With full understanding of the foregoing, the Players and the parents, guardians, and other persons who signature(s) appear below do hereby: RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS the coaches, assistant coaches, managers, drivers, Players, directors and officers of the Club and other active participants individually and as a group from and against all actions, suits, claims, costs, damages, and expenses which may in any way arise out of, or in connection with the involvement of the above named Player in the Club, including, without limitation, all claims that the Player or others might have for personal injury to the Player or to any member of his/her family arising from participation in the program, including transportation to and from games, practices, and related events.
- 14. The undersigned bears the relationship noted below to the Player named and does hereby give permission for the Player to participate in the ice hockey of the Club and does approve, consent to and agree to be bound by the foregoing conditions of participation which the undersigned have/has read in their entirety and fully understood prior to the execution hereof.
- 15. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club

Player

Parent and/or Natural Guardian

Parent and/or Natural Guardian

Date

Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club
Sportsmanship Code and Rules of Conduct

PREAMBLE

The primary objectives of the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club are the promotion of good sportsmanship, the development of hockey skills, team cooperation and constructive recreation. Additional objectives include developing an appreciation for competition and the striving for excellence, managed in conformity with the primary objectives. In order to accomplish both sets of objectives the various age groups will be divided into skill categories. Participants are urged to be aware of the SFIHC philosophy in regard to allocation of playing time.

1. Scholastic eligibility is of most importance and will be enforced at all levels. The guidelines are the same as a School District sponsored sport.
2. Practices are designed to improve individual and team skills of all players. The coaches will determine where improvement is required.
3. Players will be expected to willingly assist the coaches in whatever duties are assigned during practices and games.
4. All players are expected to attend all practices and games and to be on time for all sessions – fully dressed and ready to go on the ice before the session is scheduled to begin. Moreover, at the end of the session all players are to leave the ice immediately.
5. There will be no horseplay in or around the rink area, on the ice, or during transportation. Transportation is the responsibility of the players and their parents.
6. Each team will have a Manager who is in charge of the Club's equipment assigned to that team. Each participant is expected to heed the instruction in regard to the use, care and treatment of this equipment. All players are expected to share in the proper care of equipment, scrimmage pullovers, pucks, goalie gear and coaching equipment.
7. No player will be allowed on the ice without USA Hockey and SFIHC required equipment. Please consult Club officials regarding proper colors.
8. The coaching staff is solely responsible for player position assignments.
9. Participants are urged to be aware of the SFIHC philosophy in regard to allocation of playing time.

PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING AND HANDLING CASES OF SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOR

Because of a variety of factors, including officiating and player control, the SFIHC may encounter situations involving serious misbehavior. To cope with this problem, the SFIHC Board of Directors established a Sportsmanship Code and set rules and action guidelines to deal with this particular problem. The SFIHC believe that the program given below will help to prevent or to control difficult situations arising at games or practices.

DEFINITIONS OF SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOR

For purposes of this report, serious misbehavior consists of any one or any combination of the following acts:

1. Deliberate injury to another party.
2. Deliberate attempt to injure another party.
3. Fighting.
4. Attempting to fight, including dropping or removing gloves.
5. Leaving players' bench, or goaltender leaving goalie crease, to join or to attempt to join an altercation.
6. Verbal or physical abuse of an official, coach or spectator, and/or teammate or opposing player.
7. Incurable behavior, including refusal to obey coach; refusal to comply with a referee's decision, using force on an official or coach, or attempting to use force on an official or coach, using or attempting to use unwarranted force on a fellow team member.

Most of the above are considered match gross misconduct, game misconduct or major penalties by USA Hockey. There may be others not mentioned which fit such categories. Moreover, any act of serious misbehavior may call for the imposition of a SFIHC penalty.

SPRING-FORD ICE HOCKEY CLUB PENTALITIES FOR SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOR

It is the responsibility of all Spring-Ford coaches, players and spectators to report any case of serious misbehavior that occurs in practice and/or in games as defined above to the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey President. The initial report may be oral but shall be made within 48 hours of the incident in order to save time; such oral report is to be followed by a written summary within 5 days of the incident naming the player(s) involved, the acts committed, and related circumstances. It is important that the written summary of the serious misbehavior be submitted properly, as the Board will conduct a review of each case. Spring-Ford Club penalties may be imposed in accordance with provisions of the section below. These Club penalties may be either concurrent or in addition to any penalties resulting from violation of ICSHL, Middle School rules or USA Hockey rules. The cumulative nature of the penalties holds for any type of infraction.

1. For the first infraction, suspension from remainder of game or practice and from one additional game.
2. For the second infraction, expulsion from remainder of game and from two additional games.
3. For the third infraction, expulsion from the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club.
4. For infractions that involve deliberate injury to another party or the deliberate attempt to injure another party, expulsion from remainder of game or practice and possible suspension from the Club for the remainder of the season.
5. Late season carryover infractions incurred during the months of March and April for which penalties cannot be served will be carried over to the following season for completion of penalty imposed.

CONCLUSION

It is the intent of the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club that the action guidelines presented above, including club penalties imposed by the SFIHC will minimize or eliminate the problem of serious misbehavior as it pertains to our Club. By our examples on the ice, on the player's bench and in the spectator's stands we may extend our influence to other organizations. Our plan and our actions may serve as a catalyst to control the misbehaving minority that threatens the reputation of an excellent sport. In any case, SFIHC players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner that they will be a credit to the Club, to their families and to themselves.

PLAYER DATA / EMERGENCY CONTACT / PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Player Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade in '11-12: _____

Experience: _____ (Years Played)

Position(s): _____ Playing Travel in '11-12: Y / N

Address: _____

Mother's Name/Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Father's Name/Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Person(s)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Child's Physician/Medical Care Provider

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Medical or Dietary Information Needed in an Emergency Situation: _____

Additional Information on Special Needs of Player: _____

Health Insurance Coverage for Player: _____

Policy #: _____ Group #: _____

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) **Date**

Signature of Player **Date**

PARENTAL MEDICAL CONSENT/RELEASE

In the event of any injury to my/our child during my absence, or the absence of a legal guardian, I/we give my my/our permission for the person or persons in charge to seek medical attention.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Upon entering events sponsored or sanctioned by USA Hockey and/or its member districts or organization, I/we agree to abide by the rules of USA Hockey as currently published. I/we understand and appreciate that participation or observation of sport constitutes a risk to me/us of serious injury, including permanent paralysis or death. I/we voluntarily and knowingly accept and assume this risk and release USA Hockey, the ICSHL and Middle School Leagues, Center Ice, USA Hockey Affiliates, their sponsors, event organizers and officials from any liability.

Player Signature Date Signed

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date Signed

Player Name Date of Birth

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

WAIVER CLAIM

Acknowledging that ice hockey is a contact sport, I agree that Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club, Center Ice, nor any ice rink on which I may play or practice, nor their agents, servants, employees, team coaches or management, shall not be liable to me, my parents, my heirs, legal representative and assigns, for any injury or damage resulting directly or indirectly from participation in ice hockey, whether incurred on the ice or otherwise in or about the building, or when traveling to or from a game, event or practice.

Player Signature Date Signed

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date Signed

USA HOCKEY

CONSENT TO

TREAT

This is to certify that on this date, I _____, as parent or guardian of _____ (athlete participant), or for myself as an adult participant, give my consent to USA Hockey and its medical representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital, or clinic for the above mentioned participant, for any injury that could arise from participation in USA Hockey sanctioned events.

If said participant is covered by any insurance company, please complete the following:

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Address: _____

Policy Number: _____

Signed: _____

(parent/guardian or adult participant)

Relationship to Athlete: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Date: _____

Excess accident insurance up to \$25,000, subject to deductibles, exclusions and certain limitations, is provided to all USA Hockey registered team participants. For further details call Shirley Murray, Marsh USA, Inc., (317) 261-9307.

To file an excess accident claim, call K&K, (800) 237-2917, ext. 5623.

MEDICAL HISTORY FORM
(COMPLETION OF THIS SIDE OF THE FORM IS OPTIONAL,
BUT VERY BENEFICIAL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY)

Name _____

Date: _____

Birthdate: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

If the answer to any of the following questions is or was yes, please describe the problem and its implications for proper first aid treatment below.

Have you had (or do you presently have) any of the following?

Circle One

Head injury (concussion, skull fracture)	Yes	No
Fainting spells	Yes	No
Convulsions/epilepsy	Yes	No
Neck or back injury	Yes	No
Asthma	Yes	No
High blood pressure	Yes	No
Kidney problems	Yes	No
Hernia	Yes	No
Diabetes	Yes	No
Heart murmur	Yes	No
Allergies	Yes	No

Please specify: _____

Injuries to:

Shoulder	Yes	No
Knee	Yes	No
Ankle	Yes	No
Fingers	Yes	No
Arm	Yes	No

Other: _____

Impaired vision Yes No

Impaired hearing Yes No

Other: _____

Have you had a recent tetanus booster? _____ If so, when? _____

Are you currently taking any medications? _____ What? Why? _____

Special Needs\Dietary Restrictions _____

Has the doctor placed any restrictions on your activity? _____ Explain: _____

Important Information:

Waiver of Liability, Release Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve releasees from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of releasees. "Releasees" include USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliate associations, local associations, member teams, event hosts, other participants, coaches, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents and employees.

For and in consideration of the undersigned participant's registration with USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliates, local associations and member teams (all referred to together as USAH) and being allowed to participate in USAH events and member team activities, participant (and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of participant, if applicable) waive, release and relinquish any and all claims for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to participant, arising out of participation in USAH events, member team activities, the sport of ice hockey, and/or activities incidental thereto, whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities may continue, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of action that participant (and participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if applicable) may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) does(do) so on behalf of my/our and participant's heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume all risks relating to ice hockey and any member team activities, and understand that ice hockey and member team activities involve risks to participant's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise therefrom and that I/we have full knowledge of said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the "releasees" identified below. These risks and dangers include, but are not limited to, those arising from participating with bigger, faster and stronger participants, and these risks and dangers will increase if participant participates in ice hockey and member team activities in an age group above that which participant would normally participate in. I/We further acknowledge that there may be risks and dangers not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this agreement, including those caused by the negligence of participant and/or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment described in the preceding paragraph. I/We agree to abide by and be bound under the rules of USA Hockey, including the By-Laws of the corporation and the arbitration clause provisions, as currently published. Copies are available to USA Hockey members upon written request.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume the risks, if any, arising from the conditions and use of ice hockey rinks and related premises and acknowledge and understand that included within the scope of this waiver and release is any cause of action (including any cause of action based on negligence) arising from the performance, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision or control of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing at said rinks, for negligent selection of certain releasees, or negligent supervision or instruction by releasees.

If the law in any controlling jurisdiction renders any part of this agreement unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall nevertheless remain enforceable to the full extent, if any, allowed by controlling law. This agreement affects your legal rights, and you may wish to consult an attorney concerning this agreement.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for participant's personal injury or wrongful death is commenced against releasees, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless releasees from any and all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for participant's personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge that they have been provided and have read the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of releasees, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers of ice hockey and understand these waivers and releases are necessary to allow amateur ice hockey to exist in its present form. Significant exclusions may apply to USA Hockey's insurance policies, which could affect any coverage. For example, there is no liability coverage for claims of one player against another player. Read your brochure carefully and, if you have any questions, contact USA Hockey or a District Risk Manager.

_____ Age _____ Date Signed _____
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

PARTICIPANT NAME (PRINT)

_____ (if Participant is 17 years of age or younger)
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE Date Signed _____

*This form to be retained by
local program.*



PARENTAL PLEDGE & CODE OF ETHICS

I shall show respect and positive support for coaches and officials, prior, during and after the game.

I will ensure my child behaves in a sportsmanlike manner.

I will demonstrate respect and support for all players prior, during and after the game.

I will be mindful of the need for player development over the need to win.

I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.

I will ensure that my child does not use performance-enhancing drugs.

I will be mindful in my role at all times, provide support, not openly instruct during the game or openly interpret the rules.

I will abide by the rulings of the officials and coaches and league administrators during and after the game.

I will demand and demonstrate a healthy sports environment by refraining from drug, alcohol, and tobacco use during all sporting events.

I _____ have read and understand
(Parent's or Guardian's Name)

the _____ Parental Pledge & Code of Ethics
(Organization Name)

and pledge to follow the code and the policy regarding acceptable parental behavior.

I will accept and support the league sanctions imposed to foster a sportsmanlike atmosphere.

(Parent's or Guardian's Signature)

(Child's name)

Photo / Website Parent or Legal Guardian Release

Date: _____

I authorize the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club to place photographs of my son/daughter _____ (print full name of your child) on the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club website designated www.springfordicehockey.org. I understand that these photographs are being put on a website for the benefit of the parents, students and community and release the Spring-Ford ice Hockey Club and any of its assignees from any and all claims of damages for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or any other claim based on the described use of these images of my son/daughter. In the event that you want any image removed it will be done within 48 hours of notification.

I authorize this as the parent or legal guardian of _____ (print full name of your child) knowingly as his/her parent or legal guardian of your intent and grant the Spring-Ford Ice Hockey Club the right to take and place photographs of my child on the website www.springfordicehockey.org.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Address

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature