

WEST CALGARY HOCKEY LEAGUE (WCHL)

INFORMATION

U9_(NOVICE), U11_(ATOM), AND U13_(PEE WEE) HOUSE LEAGUE 2020-21 SEASON

IMPORTANT: Registration for WCHL will open July 1st, 2020. The West Calgary House League is a part of [Hockey Calgary's Flames Community House League](#) program and is composed of members from the South West quadrant encompassing the boundaries of Trails West Hockey Association, Glenlake Minor Hockey Club and Springbank Minor Hockey Association. Members who register for the West Calgary House League are governed by the [Flames Community House League Operations Guide](#) and the WCHL structure and procedures, including arena locations, as set forth below.

Questions about West Calgary House League, please contact: westcalgaryhouseleague@gmail.com

ABOUT WCHL

Philosophy - The purpose of house league is to provide recreational players the opportunity to play organized hockey in an environment that is affordable, fun, and safe with moderate time commitments allowing for participation in other social, academic or recreational activities. It also provides a less intimidating and competitive format for players with limited skills and knowledge of hockey.

While House League emphasizes fun hockey with no statistics or standings, skill development is still provided by certified volunteer parent coaches and games are played with certified officials. There are fewer ice times on mostly fixed dates and times and less travel. All teams play in one division and are equally balanced with a variety of skill levels. The season runs from early October to the end of February with pre-skates and evaluations usually beginning the last weekend of September. All teams have one practice and one game per week. Practice schedules are fixed as much as available ice will allow and game schedules released with as much advance notice as possible so families have reasonable knowledge of how their schedule will look. Teams are not permitted to play games or participate in tournaments outside their league or purchase additional ice for practices. There are no cash calls or fundraising permitted. As demand for this program is high, **registration is on a first come basis with a maximum number of players allowed per age division so register early**. Every registered player is required to have a valid Respect in Sport – Parent certification.

It is essential that parents step up to volunteer for the various roles required to run the league smoothly. These roles include, but are not limited to, coaches, on ice volunteers and team managers. Without enough volunteers, we will not be able to continue to run the league.

League Location/Home arenas - we have worked closely with Hockey Calgary to secure ice at George Blundun/Optimist arenas (Optimist Park) for WCHL practices and games. This location is central to the boundaries of WCHL members and assists with reducing travel time for families during the season.

ICE SHORTFALLS: Exceptions may occur in location(s) where ice was not available to be secured at Optimist Park, the WCHL Home arenas. To accommodate the shortfall(s), ice will be pooled from the South West quadrant (Trails West, Glenlake and Springbank home arenas) and these secondary locations will be rotated equally through teams of the age groups affiliated with that set day.

Game Jerseys – WCHL game jerseys are sponsored by the Calgary Flames every other year and supplied by WCHL for the other year and players may keep their jerseys every season.

Friend Requests - requests must be made at the time of registration. Every effort will be made to accommodate ONE RECIPROCATED friend request per player but requests are not guaranteed. The league retains the right to place players on teams with the priority of coach placement and forming balanced teams over accommodating friend requests. Due to the volume of requests, **friend requests will NOT be accepted after registration is submitted.**

Respect in Sport - Parent - Hockey Alberta has instituted a mandatory RIS Parent program with the goal to educate our membership for all new families to Hockey Calgary. Recertification for current families will be required every 4 years. This means if you took the course in 2016 or earlier you will be required to recertify for the upcoming season. Players will not be placed on teams for the 2020-2021 season until RIS Parent re-certification has been completed. [Glenlake/TW only] For more information, please review the Respect in Sport-Parent section under the Registration tab.

Coach qualifications - Coaches for House League are required to have the same coach qualifications as community stream. Exception is U11 Head Coaches are not required to have the Checking Skills qualification but it is strongly recommended. Note, Checking Skills qualification (online and in person clinics) are required for PeeWee Head Coaches.

FEES

\$725.00 (note a late fee of \$100 will be applied to registrations after August 15th, space permitting)

WITHDRAWAL/REFUND

Player withdrawal requests should be directed to the Age Group Coordinator for forwarding to the applicable association Administrator for processing. Note, late fees are non-refundable.

- **Prior to pre-skates:** Full refund of regular registration fees less \$50 administrative fee
- **Prior to evaluation skates:** Full refund of regular registration fees less \$100 administrative fee
- **Prior to team placement:** Full refund of regular registration fees less \$200 administrative fee
- **After team placement:** No refund

SEASON DATES

October - February

PRE-SKATES AND EVALUATIONS

Late September / early October. The exact times to be determined once registration closes.

PLAYER ALLOWANCE

Subject to registration numbers but will be capped as noted below:

- U9 (formerly Novice): 12 teams
- U11 (formerly Atom): 12 teams
- U13 (formerly PeeWee): 6 teams

Waitlist Option - Should registration in an age group become full before August 15, there will be an option to select and register, as part of the WCHL registration form, on a waitlist. If there is a sufficient number of players registered on the waitlist in an age group, an additional team(s) may be added to the WCHL provided the league can secure additional fixed ice. Important to note: Should this occur, it may affect the ability of the league to maintain the age group fixed day schedule resulting in a rotating schedule for practices and/or games on a different day than noted below for that age group.

RESOURCES

[Hockey Calgary – Community House League Operations Guide](#)

[Hockey Calgary – House League In-Game Resources](#)

WEST CALGARY HOUSE LEAGUE (WCHL) SEASON 2020/2021

West Calgary House League (WCHL) Season 2020/21		
Pre-Skate (1)	Sept 23-25	on same weekday as age division practice day
Pre-Skate (2)	Sept 26-27	on same weekend day as age division game day
Evaluation Skate (1)	Sept 30- Oct 2	on same weekday as age division practice day
Evaluation Skate (2)	Oct 3-4	on same weekend day as age division game day *exception: U11 is on Sat this weekend only
Fall (2020)		
Practices start	Oct 14-16	
Games start	Oct 17-18	
Picture Day	Late Oct/Mid Nov	
Last game (2020)	Dec 5-6	
Last Practice (2020)	Dec 16-18	
Holiday Break	Dec 19- Jan 3	
Winter (2021)		
Practices start	Jan 6-8	
Games start	Jan 9-10	
ESSO blackout	Jan 11-15	(no practices)
WCHL Festival	Feb 10-15	(no practices or regular league games)
Last practices	Feb 17-19	
Last games	Feb 20-21	
	Practice days	Game days
U9 (Novice)	Wednesday	Saturday
U11 (Atom)	Fridays	Sunday
U13 (PeeWee)	Thursday	Sunday

U9 Practices - Wednesday: Can start as early as 4:15pm and will mainly be at George Blundun or Optimist, however may rotate occasionally to other locations where ice shortfalls might occur (see above for further details)

***U9 Games - Saturday:** Can start as early as 7:00am and will be at George Blundun or Optimist, however may rotate occasionally where ice shortfalls might occur (see above for further details)

U11 Practices - Friday: Can start as early as 4:15pm and will be at George Blundun or Optimist, however may rotate occasionally to other locations where ice shortfalls might occur (see above for further details)

U11 Games - Sunday: Can start as early as 7:00am and will rotate through various arenas within the SouthWest quadrant

U13 Practices - Thursday: Can start as early as 4:15pm and will be at George Blundun or Optimist, however may rotate occasionally to other locations where ice shortfalls might occur (see above for further details)

U13 Games - Saturday: Can start as early as 7:00am (but usually 8:30am) and will be at George Blundun or Optimist, however may rotate occasionally to other locations where ice shortfalls might occur (see above for further details)

SCHEDULE EXCEPTIONS

- Holiday Break (no practices or league games): Dec 19, 2020 – January 3, 2021
- Blackout Period (no practices): Jan 11 – 15, 2021 due to Esso Minor Hockey Week
- Blackout Period (no practices or league games): Feb 10 – 15, 2021 due to the WCHL Festival

WCHL Festival

- Feb 10- 15, 2021 (Family Day Long Weekend) - some age groups will begin as early as the Wednesday evening and some age groups will end as late as the holiday Monday.

WCHL CONTACTS

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