

# ***SYLVANIA NORTH STARS***



## **2017-2018 SEASON PROGRAM DETAILS**

**TIER I AAA**

**TIER II AA**

**Girls**

**(4/25/2017)**

## **DEVELOP. COMPETE. HAVE FUN.**

### **I. Introduction**

The Sylvania North Stars/Sylvania Youth Hockey (SYH) is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide each youth hockey player with the resources and opportunity to reach their full potential.

We are very proud to continue serving the NW Ohio/SE Michigan area by offering the most comprehensive and highest quality youth travel hockey program. SYH offers programs for area youth ages 7-18. These range from Tier II AA programs through Tier I AAA Travel, including Girls only teams.

The Sylvania North Stars are excited to introduce its program offerings for the 2017-2018 season. We plan to field 14 or more teams with over 200 players. This document provides full program details. Additional association and program information can be found on our website at [www.tamohockey.com](http://www.tamohockey.com).

**NOTE REGARDING PROGRAM FEES: All program fees listed in this document as of April 25, 2017 are considered preliminary and are subject to change. Fees will be finalized prior to tryouts in May for all teams.**

### **II. 2017-2018 Programs by Tier**

The following shows our full line up of programs and teams organized by Tier (competitive level).

#### ***a. North Stars Tier I AAA***

The North Stars will offer the following Tier I AAA teams:

- 10U Squirt AAA Major (2007 birth year)
- 11U Peewee AAA Minor (2006 birth year)
- 12U Peewee AAA Major (2005 birth year)
- 13U Bantam AAA Minor (2004 birth year)
- 14U Bantam AAA Major (2003 birth year)

#### ***b. North Stars Tier II AA***

The North Stars will offer the following Tier II AA teams:

- 7U Mite Minor AA (2010 birth year)
- 8U Mite Major AA (2009 birth year)
- 9U Squirt Minor AA (2008 birth year)
- 11U Pee Wee AA Minor (2006 birth year)
- 12U Pee Wee AA Major (2005 birth year)
- 14U Bantam AA Major (2003 birth year)
- 16U Midget AA Pre-post (2001-02 birth years)
- 18U Midget AA Pre-post (1999-00 birth years)

#### ***c. North Stars Girls***

The North Stars are proud to once again offer a Girls program. For 2017-2018, the North Stars plan to field one team each of:

- 10U - (2007-2009 birth years)
- 12U – (2005-06 birth years)

### **III. Tryouts and Team Selections**

All North Stars teams will be selected through a tryout process to be held in May (pre/post tryouts are in August).

Specific times, locations, and fees for each tryout will be announced on the North Stars website ([www.tamohockey.com](http://www.tamohockey.com)).

There is no pre-registration for tryouts. Players will be evaluated through a combination of scrimmage and competitive skill sessions. These may vary by age group depending on head coaches' preference.

Team selections will be made by the team's coaching staff, hockey office staff and experienced independent evaluators. Players selected for a roster position will be notified by email or called by the head coach. In addition, rosters will be posted on the North Stars website.

### **IV. Acceptance**

The North Stars organization takes the tryout process very seriously and invests significant time and resources to provide a fair and open process in order to select the best possible teams. For this reason, we ask that only players who are serious about playing for a North Stars team attend. Our evaluators should be able to focus on players who are serious about playing on the team for which they are trying out.

### **V. Team Structure**

Mite teams can roster from 11-13 skaters and 1-2 goalies depending on interest and skill level.

Squirt teams can roster from 12-13 skaters and 1-2 goalies.

Pee Wee and Bantam teams will roster teams of 12-15 skaters and 1-2 goalies.

Midget teams will roster teams of 16-18 skaters and 2 goalies.

Girl's team rosters will depend on interest and skill level.

### **VI. Season**

All Tier I AAA and Midget AA teams will take the ice in mid-August. All other teams will take the ice in early September.

Seasons will end in early March depending on National-bound status and dates of final season-ending tournaments.

### **VII. Player Development**

Player development (or skill sessions) are at the foundation of our program. Player development sessions will be conducted by the Hockey Office and include goalie specific training. ***Player Development sessions are considered mandatory practices for all levels.***

All player development sessions are shared ice practices. The number of sessions and participating teams varies by age group. Player development sessions run from early September through late February.

Player development sessions are not offered at the Midget level.

### VIII. Practice and Game Formats

Weekly practice counts and formats (shared vs full-ice) vary depending on age group and competitive level.

**Off-ice training:** Most teams will receive off-ice training sessions with UT Exercise Science. These sessions are conducted at the North Stars Off-Ice Training Facility located inside Tam-O-Shanter. Typically, teams will meet with UT Exercise Science once per week. Tier I AAA teams are encouraged to conduct one additional off-ice workout per week which will be coordinated by the team's head coach. All sessions are generally run either before or after the on-ice practices.

### IX. Leagues

All North Stars Tier I AAA teams will play an independent tournament and game schedule. The North Stars Tier II AA teams will play in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League (LCAHL). The LCAHL determines divisional placement for all teams.

The Girls' teams will play games vs. age-appropriate girls teams. They will have the option to join the Little Caesars Michigan Girls Hockey League (LCMGHL).

### X. Tournaments

Budgeted tournament counts include any state or regional qualifying tournaments for all State, District or National Bound teams.

Planned tournaments will be announced prior to the start of the season in August.

### XI. National Tournament and Qualification

The North Stars 18U Midget AA, 16U Midget AA, 14U Bantam AAA and 14U Bantam AA teams are considered National Bound.

All North Stars teams that qualify will participate in the USA Hockey Youth National Championship Tournaments at the end of the season. ***Acceptance of a roster position on a National Bound team is your commitment to participate in the National tournament if the team qualifies.***

Tier I AAA national bound teams qualify through the Mid-Am District Playdowns in mid-March. Tier II AA national bound teams qualify through Ohio State level tournaments at the end of February/mid-March. The qualifying tournament is included in the tournament counts as described in the Tournaments section above.

**The 2017-18 National tournament will be held April 5-9, 2018 at the following locations:**

Age Group	Location
14U Tier I	Charlotte, NC

14U Tier II	Amherst, NY
16U Tier II	Wayne, NJ
18U Tier II	Green Bay, WI

***Qualifying teams will incur additional costs for practices and exhibition games scheduled in March/April in preparation for the National Tournament.*** The additional fee for a National Bound team will be set prior to the end of the season, but is typically in the range of \$150-\$200 per player for a 17 player roster. The fee will be collected prior to the National tournament and is required in order to participate.

## **XII. Team Uniform and Equipment**

SYH does not rent jerseys as of the 2016-17 season. Each player will be required to buy his/her home and away North Stars game jerseys through SYH. Players may elect to purchase used game jerseys at a significant discount after tryouts are concluded. New game jerseys will be available after tryouts are concluded. Players may not wear the same game jerseys for more than two seasons. Home and away game socks will be a budgeted item. All game jerseys and socks will remain the property of the players at the end of the season.

**All travel team members (except 16U & 18U pre-post midget teams) are required to have a team bag and warm ups/jacket. Program fees do NOT include the cost of warm ups/jackets or bag.** Players who played in the North Stars program may elect to use their warm ups/jackets and team bag from last season. First time travel players and those needing a replacement warm up/jacket and/or team bag will be able to order these items through the Tam-O Pro Shop.

**All players will be required to have royal hockey pants (or shell), white helmet and red/white/blue hockey gloves.** These items are the responsibilities of players/parents and are not included in the budget. Goalies are not required to purchase white helmets or gloves.

## **XIII. Codes of Conduct**

A separate SYH Code of Conduct has been created for players, parents and coaches. All players, parents and coaches must sign and adhere to their respective Code of Conduct upon commitment to a team.

## **XIV. Program Fees**

All program fees listed in this document as of April 25, 2017 are considered preliminary and are subject to change. Fees will be finalized prior to tryouts in May for all teams.

Program fees include league dues, practice ice, player development ice, home game ice, tournament fees, administrative fees, home and away game socks, goalie coaching, home game officials and coaching expenses.

## **XV. North Stars Tier I AAA**

Tier I AAA represents USA Hockey's highest level of competition and our program continues to attract and engage the area's most talented and dedicated youth players. The Tier I AAA program requires a major commitment by players and parents, both financially and in terms of time. The 14U Tier I AAA

team will compete for the opportunity to advance to the USA Hockey National Championship Tournament in April.

	Squirt Major	Peewee Minor	Peewee Major	Bantam Minor	Bantam Major
Age Group	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U
Birth Year	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
National Bound	No	No	No	No	Yes
Roster Size	12-13 skaters, 1-2 goalies	12-13 skaters, 1-2 goalies	14-15 skaters, 2 goalies	14-15 skaters, 2 goalies	15-16 skaters, 2 goalies
Coach	Jamie Spencer	Dennis Roudebush	Gordy Hunt	Derek Booth	Nick Parillo
Team Selection	Tryouts - May 20-25, 2017				
Season	August 21, 2017 - March 4, 2018				
Practices	52-54 Sessions (1) full-ice & (1) shared per week	52-54 Sessions (2) full-ice per week	52-54 Sessions (2) full-ice per week	52-54 Sessions (2) full-ice per week	52-54 Sessions (2) full-ice per week
Player Development	10 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions
League	Independent				
Tournaments	5 or 6	5 or 6	5 or 6	5 or 6	7 or 8
Home Game Count	8 Slots	8 Slots	8 Slots	8 Slots	8 Slots
Dryland Training	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba
USA Hockey Registration	Required - Not included in fee				
Program Fee (estimated*)	\$2,600*	\$2,750*	\$2,750*	\$2,750*	\$3,000*

## XVI. North Stars Tier II AA Program Summary

Tier II AA represents the second highest level of competition in USA Hockey Youth. The 14U, 16U and 18U Tier II AA teams will compete for the opportunity to advance to the USA Hockey National Championship Tournament in April.

	Mite Minor	Mite Major	Squirt Minor	Peewee Minor	Bantam Minor	Bantam Major
Age Group	7U	8U	9U	11U	12U	14U
Birth Year	2010	2009	2008	2006	2005	2003
National Bound	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Roster Size	11-13 skaters, 1-2 goalies	11-13 skaters, 1-2 goalies	13-14 skaters, 2 goalies	14-15 skaters, 1-2 goalies	14-15 skaters, 2 goalies	14-15 skaters, 2 goalies
Coach	Rob Kuhr	Nick Fisher	Mike Fielding	Todd Schramko	Jeff Barrett	Pat Hanley
Team Selection	Tryouts - May 20-25, 2017					
Season	September 5, 2017 - March 4, 2018					
Practices	24-25 Sessions (1) shared per week	24-25 Sessions (1) shared per week	48-50 Sessions (1) full-ice & (1) shared per week	48-50 Sessions (1) full-ice & (1) shared per week	48-50 Sessions (1) full-ice & (1) shared per week	48-50 Sessions (1) full-ice & (1) shared per week
Player Development	24-25 Sessions	24-25 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions	10 Sessions
League	tba	tba	LCAHL	LCAHL	LCAHL	LCAHL
Tournaments	0	0	3 or 4	3 or 4	3 or 4	4 or 5
Home Game Count	8 Slots	8 Slots	15 Slots	15 Slots	15 Slots	15 Slots
Dryland	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba
USA Hockey Registration	Required - Not included in fee					
Program Fee (estimated*)	\$1,000*	\$1,000*	\$2,100*	\$2,100*	\$2,100*	\$2,200*

	Midget Minor	Midget Major
Age Group	16U	18U
Birth Year	2001-02	1999-00
National Bound	Yes	Yes
Roster Size	15-17 skaters, 2 goalies	15-17 skaters, 2 goalies
Coach		
Team Selection	August 15-24, 2017	
Season	August 28-October 29, 2017 (post-season tba)	
Practices	15-16 Sessions (1-2) full-ice per week	15-16 Sessions (1-2) full-ice per week
Player Development	-	-
League		
Tournaments	5	5
Home Game Count	2 Slots	2 Slots
Dryland	-	-
USA Hockey Registration		
Program Fee (estimated*)	\$900*	\$900*

## XVII. North Stars Girls Summary

The North Stars are proud to once again offer a Girls program. For the 2017-18 season, we will offer 12U & 10U Girls only teams.

	Squirt	Peewee
Age Group	10U	12U
Birth Year	2007-09	2005-06
National Bound	No	No
Roster Size	10-12 skaters, 1 goalie	10-12 skaters, 1 goalie
Coach		Rick Felser
Team Selection	May 20-25, 2017	
Season	September 5, 2017 - March 5, 2018	
Practices	35 Sessions (25) shared & (10) full ice sessions	35 Sessions (25) shared & (10) full ice sessions
Player Development	-	-
League	LCMGHL	LCMGHL
Tournaments	1 or 2	1 or 2
Home Game Count	10 slots	10 Slots
Dryland	tba	tba
USA Hockey Registration	Required - Not included in fee	
Program Fee (estimated*)	\$950*	\$950*

## **XVIII. Commitment**

The Sylvania North Stars Tier I AAA, Tier II AA and Girls programs require a high level of commitment from players and their families, both in terms of time and financial commitment. These teams play at a very competitive level with the ultimate goal of advancing to the USA Hockey National Championship tournaments. The program is designed to provide the practice, player development, and game structure to help achieve that goal.

Players who wish to compete at this level must commit themselves to the team and make the sacrifices necessary to help the team achieve its goals. Player's will therefore be expected, with few exceptions, to attend all North Stars scheduled practices (on and off-ice), player development sessions, and games. They are expected to work hard at all team events and show their coaches and teammates respect.

SYH and its coaches understand that school and family are very important. We understand that conflicts may arise from time to time that take priority. Provisions will be made in the rules to accommodate some conflicts. We ask, however, that families manage their time and set priorities to limit missed team events, showing respect for the commitment of their coaches and teammates.

## **XIX. SYH Acceptance Process and Policy**

- The teams at each age group will make the roster selections as soon as possible from the conclusion of the final tryout.
- Once the selections have been made, players selected will be notified by email and/or called by the head coach. Teams will be posted to the website once all players selected have confirmed acceptance.
- USA Hockey registration for the coming season (2017-2018) is required** to register/accept your position with a North Stars team. Please be sure to obtain your USA Hockey registration number in advance of tryouts.
- Upon acceptance, Parents/Guardians are expected to drop the \$350 commitment fee check payable to Sylvania Youth Hockey within 48 hours to the Hockey Office payment box to hold the roster spot. This deposit will be credited to the player's program fee.

## **XX. Payment Policy**

- a. Fees for all programs must be paid in full.
- b. Any registered player who leaves Sylvania Youth Hockey without paying the entire program fee (unless granted release or refund per the Refund Policy) will be deemed as "not in good standing" with SYH.
- c. Any member who does not satisfy an outstanding balance from any prior season will not be allowed to tryout or register for any SYH or Tam-O program until the prior balance is paid in full.
- d. Member agrees to pay all program fees according to the 2017-18 Participation Agreement (see [www.tamohockey.com](http://www.tamohockey.com)).

## **XXI. Payment Schedule**

The Commitment Fee is due immediately after tryouts to confirm your roster position. The remaining six equal (6) payments are due per schedule:



<b>Payment</b>	<b>Date</b>
Payment 2	8/1/2017
Payment 3	9/1/2017
Payment 4	10/1/2017
Payment 5	11/1/2017
Payment 6	12/1/2017
Payment 7	1/1/2018