



Girls Hockey

Growing Girls Hockey

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2021 AHAI AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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- ❑ Ned Forsberg, Jodi Pedrie, Laurie Markowski, Nick LaValle, Michelle Lichterman, Trevor DiCarlo, Laura Johnson, Keri Zschach
- ❑ To provide a strong foundation for the growth of Girls Hockey in Illinois through designing innovative programs that increase participation and developing the skills of female hockey players following the USA Hockey ADM guidelines. WE ARE committed to providing a safe and encouraging environment for all girls playing hockey in Illinois.
- ❑ The members of the AHAI Girls Committee come from different hockey backgrounds offering different insight and perspective to ensure we represent girls playing hockey at ALL levels in Illinois



Girls Affiliates

❑ CURRENT AFFILIATES

- ❑ All girls' teams are now their own Tier II Affiliate
- ❑ No Tier II Affiliate Organization may begin an all-Girls' team without going through the proper application procedure

❑ CREATING A NEW AFFILIATE

- ❑ Where to begin
- ❑ How long does it take
- ❑ What are the benefits



Critical Rules

- TWO-CHOICE RULE EFFECTIVE BEGINNING THE 2019-20 SEASON
 - Choice substitution goes into effective this upcoming season (2021-22). Applications will be available on the AHAJ website. You MUST click on Girls if you are submitting a request for a 3rd Girls' team choice
- COACHES MOVEMENT
- 2, 4, 6, 8 RULE – this rule has been modified & name change to Player Movement
- NATIONAL BOUND DECLARATIONS FOR STATE
- 2021 – 2022 SEASON AGE CLASSIFICATIONS
 - 19u 2002 – 2004 birth years
 - 16u 2005 – 2006 birth years
 - 14u 2007 – 2008 birth years
 - 12u 2009 – 2010 birth years
 - 10u 2011 – 2012 birth years
 - 8u 2013



State Tournament

- ❑ Tier I (AA)
 - ❑ Championship Series will be at Mt Prospect same weekend as the AAA Boys
- ❑ Tier II/III (A)
 - ❑ Play-in games again next year
 - ❑ Round Robin will be top four teams in each age classification at TBD possible new Glenview Ice Center
 - ❑ Championship Day will begin at 9am
 - ❑ No 14u – B division
- ❑ Girls High School
 - ❑ We work to prevent conflicts with double/dual rostered players but no promises



America's Showcase

- AMERICA'S SHOWCASE DATES:
 - April 21-25, 2022 dates St Louis, Missouri
- BENEFITS
- WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
 - Juniors & Seniors – no commitment
 - Sophomores - possible
- REGISTRATION
 - Notification will be emailed & published in the Girl Snapshot
- TRYOUTS/PRACTICES



Women's Leadership Summit

- CONFIDENCE / BUILDING TRUST
- ATTENTION-GRABBING PHRASES
- MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD
- NETWORKING
- RESOURCES
- GET INVOLVED / STAY INVOLVED



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What Can We Do To Get More Girls Involved?

- GET LOCAL GIRLS PROGRAMS IN OTHER SPORTS & CLUBS INVOLVED**
- EDUCATE OUR FAMILIES**
 - Playing the game
 - Rules
- CREATE FUN PROGRAMS**
 - Street Hockey Games
 - Hockey Obstacle Courses
 - Arts & Crafts Activities with a Hockey Theme



Save the dates:

- High School Nationals - March 24-28, 2022**
- Girls Tier I & II Nationals - March 30-April 4, 2022**
- Central District Tryout Camp - tbd**
- America's Showcase - April 21-25, 2022**
- Central District Camp - tbd**

Additional important dates will be added as they become available
Locations will be included – be sure to checkout the Girls Snapshot for
our calendar of events





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THANK YOU!

