

GOLDEN WOLVES **HOCKEY**



2026-2027

TEAM **HANDBOOK**

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Introduction

Players and Parents

We are pleased to welcome you to our Golden Wolves Hockey Club. By becoming a part of this community, you have brought some amazing opportunities into your life, as well as some important responsibilities.

We hope that this handbook will provide you with an introduction to the philosophies, policies, rules and expectations that shape the Golden Wolves programs and activities. We encourage you to read this handbook with care. It is a valuable resource for families participating in the Golden Wolves. The handbook will provide you with information about our club, and we hope that it also will encourage you to become more involved in our activities.

As you will see, there is much to do. Our association could not survive without the hundreds of hours of volunteer work that begins long before registration day and sustain our teams and players through the winter ice hockey season, and the spring /summer off season. Your help is vital to our organization. As you read through this handbook, think about how your particular talents, interests and skills might help our association.

The success of Golden Wolves today is attributable to the countless volunteer hours that hundreds of people devote to our programs year in and year out. We are eternally grateful for the contributions of the many community leaders who paved the way for us.

Our association is deeply committed to making our programs even more successful in the year ahead. Please join us in this challenge.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

Our Program

Golden Wolves Hockey was formed to provide the best quality training and development for all aspiring hockey players in South Florida. We are a fully professional hockey company run by full time hockey coaches and cover everything from skill and mental development, to team training, player showcasing and promotion. Our goal is to help each player reach his or her full potential. We're not consumed solely by winning USA Hockey National Championships. Rather we measure our success by how many players we can develop and move onto the next level whether it is Jr., Prep, College, or even Professional.

The Golden Wolves look to continuously grow the program and develop players of all ages. The Wolves season consists of months August through March. The wolves development then continues through various programs started to help grow each athlete to the next level. Various programs consist of the following: Pines Ice 3v3 League which is designed for more puck touches, ice time, and small area battles. Vice Hockey spring training and tournament teams to bring together youth players to compete at a high level. The Alliance Development Program during the fall which consists of high level players continuing to develop their game at the highest level and training! The Golden Wolves are always putting their players first and focusing on growth and development.

Golden Wolves Hockey is committed to delivering the most comprehensive hockey training available to youth of all ages. We are dedicated to improving the skills and confidence of our youth hockey players, while providing a positive learning experience as we challenge our players to grow in every aspect of the game. We recognize that ice hockey is just a game, and our program provides the best possible opportunity to have fun while playing the sport of Ice Hockey. We also recognize that skills and knowledge learned from playing ice hockey will last a lifetime, and can be invaluable tools used both on and off the ice.

All of our programs, regardless of level, are structured to provide players with the latitude for individual growth, and will enable each participant to reach their maximum potential, while helping to prepare them to succeed in life's competitive environment. Golden Wolves Hockey promotes personal pride and positive character. It is our goal to cultivate sportsmanship, respect, cooperation and self-discipline amongst players, coaches, parents, spectators and teams.

Golden Wolves Hockey also recognizes the importance of the student-athletes academic experience, and places its highest values on academic achievement. The student comes first; the athlete is second. The Golden Wolves want to provide any player that has the desire, the opportunity to prepare them for the next level whether it's Jr., Prep, College, Pro or their upcoming travel season.

Although we take pride over developing kids to the next level over winning games, The Golden Wolves are extremely proud of our winning history that has shaped the program to how it is today. We take pride in having the first team to win a Youth National Championship from the Southeast District in 2002, several finals runner ups, and lastly but most recent, a 2025 Youth National Championship in 3A which is the first to be done here in Florida. We look to continue growing our players to reach their goals as young athletes!

The cornerstone and driving principle of our organization is our commitment to youth and our community!

How To Stay Informed

Communication

The Golden Wolves Organization understands that in order to be successful we must be able to get information and feedback from the association's members. To ensure communication needs are being met the following communication methods have been put in place.

Preseason Parents' Meeting

The Golden Wolves Head Coaches will schedule a pre-season parents meeting to be held prior to the start of our fall travel season to discuss policies, procedures and expectations, as well as plans for the season. Golden Wolves personnel, coaches, and key volunteers will be introduced and there will be opportunity for questions. Time and place will be announced by Coaches and Managers.

Golden Wolves Website

Our website is www.goldenwolves.com. The Golden Wolves website & LeagueApps mobile app will be the first line for communication. All newsletters, minutes, contact information, forms, electronic payment, and handbook will be available on our website. The website will be maintained and kept up to date with the most current information available. Under construction sections will be posted on pages where information is not ready for distribution. For questions or comments about our website, contact the website administrator at info@pinesice.com.

E-mail

Email will be the first method of choice when sending out communications to club members. It is imperative that you check your e-mails on a regular basis, since there can occasionally be last minute changes in schedules. If you do not have e-mail, it is your responsibility to get the information. If you do not have a current e-mail address on file with the Golden Wolves, please send an update to include your current e-mail address to info@Pinesice.com, or submit to your designated team manager.

Social Networking

For the 2026-27 season, the Golden Wolves has implemented its Instagram account and will be using this new medium to communicate additional facts and club messages. We encourage you to follow us on the Internet and join in on any discussion. We encourage positive and professional conduct, and welcome your feedback.

Rinks

The Pines Golden Wolves home rink and offices operate from Pines Ice Arena (PIA), located at 12425 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028. All PGW regular practices, home scrimmages and home league games will be conducted at PIA.

The Miami Golden Wolves home rink and offices operate from Miami Ice Arena (MIA), located at 10355 Hammocks Blvd, Miami, FL 33196. All MGW regular practices, home scrimmages and home league games will be conducted at MIA.

Affiliation & Age Classification

Affiliations

The Golden Wolves are affiliated under USA Hockey, the national governing body of ice hockey, and the Statewide Amateur Hockey of Florida (SAHOF) Association within the State of Florida. More information concerning our affiliations can be found at the following;

USAH: <https://www.usahockey.com>

SAHOF: <https://www.sahofhockey.org>

USA Hockey Player Classification

USA Hockey sets age standards for all levels of play, and players must register according to their birth date. The age classifications below are based on a player's age as of January 01.

USAH 2026-2027: Age Level Classification

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2018 - 2020	8U
2016 - 2017	10U
2014 - 2015	12U
2012 - 2013	14U
2010 - 2011	16U
2008 - 2009	18U

Player Code of Conduct

The Golden Wolves Player Code of Conduct explains the type of conduct it expects from all levels of players. Good sportsmanship, respect for teammates, coaches, parents, opponents, officials, fans, and the rinks where they play are expected from all players. Players will not swear or use abusive language on the bench, in the rink or at any team function. There will be no lashing out or verbal abuse to officials. Fighting is not tolerated. There are severe penalties for any player caught fighting. Drinking, smoking, using chewing tobacco or illegal substances during any team function will not be tolerated.

Any player who violates any of these rules of conduct is subject to disciplinary action. USA Hockey defines the Players' Code of Conduct as follows:

- Play for FUN!
- Work to improve your skills
- Be a team player—get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules, and play by them.
- Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with an officials' decision

Team Discipline

Non-compliance by players with applicable Code of Conduct or Policy will be enforced with 'zero-tolerance'. Any non-compliance shall be reported to the The Golden Wolves Program Director. The type and the manner in which any other player discipline is handled, is up to each individual Head Coach and his/her staff. The following are some examples of inappropriate behavior that may result in reduced playing time:

- Detrimental behavior during a practice.
- Lack of readiness for a practice.
- Lack of readiness for a game.
- Detrimental behavior during a game.
- Unjustifiable player absence from a practice, game or tournament.
- Any non-compliance with Golden Wolves Team Rules or any supplementary team rules as determined by the coaching staff. It is very important to understand that an individual player's behavior and actions can have a negative impact on the development of their teammates and game results. The team and its development must come first and not be held back because of the behavior of one or more individuals.

Respect for the facility is something we expect. Keeping the rink, locker rooms, gym area, concession area, etc clean is expected and players / parents not following this will face further discipline.

Lastly, both Pines Ice Arena & Miami Ice Arena have a very big figure skating club with youth athletes pursuing goals just like our hockey players. Many times they will be on the ice prior to Wolves practices. All players are to keep their voices down, limit running, and respect their ice time like they do to you. Teams are not permitted to enter the player bench area until all figure skaters or events prior have cleared the ice.

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Golden Wolves Coaches Code of Conduct explains the type of conduct it expects from all levels of coaches.

Coaches are expected to follow the rules of fair play as well as show good sportsman like behavior at all team functions. Coaches are expected to emphasise respect of fellow team members, opposing team members, parents, officials and places where the team practices and/or plays at. While it is easy to get caught up in the competition of the game, coaches are role models for their players and set the tone on and off the ice of what type of behavior is acceptable.

USA Hockey lists the following points for coaches

- **Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment, and to learn the game of hockey.**
- **Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.**
- **Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent, honest, be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly, and study to learn to be a more effective communicator and coach.**
- **Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or official, give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, teach the basics.**
- **Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey, encourage all your players to be team players.**
- **Maintain an open line of communication with your team. Explain the goals and objectives of your association. Keep your Team Manager informed.**
- **Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.**

Coaches will provide one off ice practice per week at no additional cost. This can be ran by the coach, manager, or a parent on the team willing to do so.

To win the game is great; to play the game is greater; to love and respect the game is the greatest of all!

Parent Code of Conduct

As the parent of a hockey player, you set the example for good sportsman like conduct. Learning how to win and lose graciously and having respect for teammates, coaches, officials, opponents and the rinks where they play is just as important as the skills they are learning. The Golden Wolves places a high value on good sportsmanship and respect. These are life skills that will carry throughout the hockey player's life.

While players are taught to skate "heads-up", parents should adopt a similar attitude when it comes to game behavior. Cheer strongly in a positive manner, congratulate the opposing team of a job well done regardless of outcome of the game, emphasize the good things your player did even if he/she didn't score a goal or have a shut-out. Refrain from "ugly talk" or commenting negatively about the other team, coach or referee in front of your player.

USA Hockey gives these points for parents

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport.
- Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun!
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game, support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud good effort in victory and defeat, and reinforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice, it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports
- Recognize the importance of your coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game and volunteer!

Get involved and make a difference!

Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

The following is a copy of the agreement that each Golden Wolves parent has with this association. Parents are expected to acknowledge this code of conduct by signing the "Parent Code of Conduct Agreement" at the beginning of the season. Parents must attend the Parent / Coaches meeting prior to the start of the season or their child will not be allowed to continue in seasonal games. If you cannot make the scheduled parent / coaches meeting you must arrange to meet with the coach and become informed on his / her expectations during the season ahead.

1. We encourage all parents to wait 24 hours prior to speaking to a coach about questions or concerns that you may have with actions of a coach, during practice or games. After that 24 hour period has past, we ask you set a meeting with the coach, team manager and the Director of Hockey to discuss the incident at hand.
2. If problems cannot be handled by the parent / coach meeting then an official Coaching / Grievance meeting can be set up with the Golden Wolves President. The Golden Wolves President, along with all coaches, parents, player (if required) involved, will handle the problem directly. (Please follow grievance process outlined in the handbook.)
3. Always respect the 24-hour cool down rule before you act on anything.
4. Parents are not to approach the rink area behind the player's benches, during games, or scrimmages. This is a complete distraction not only to your player, but also to the entire team. This is a zero tolerance policy.
5. Parents are not to engage players through or over the glass, once a player is on the ice, during games, scrimmages, or practices. They are the responsibility of the coaching staff and your interaction of additional coaching, or discipline should stop. This behavior is distracting not only to your player, but also to the entire team, and can become a point of embarrassment to your player. There are circumstances where a coach may engage your assistance in a situation of injury, or need of clarification on subjects; coaches will initiate this interaction. As well, this does not oversee the parent's positive encouragement of the player and his/her teammates, as we encourage positive cheering and reinforcement of fair play.
6. Parents are to encourage and to support good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other events.
7. Parents are to place the emotional and physical well being of their child ahead of any personal desire to win.
8. Parents are to provide support for coaches and officials working with your child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
9. Parents will review the player's code of conduct with their players, and will ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

Parent Code of Conduct Agreement (Continued)

10. Retaliation, reprisal, or any harassing behaviors directed at Coaches or Referees and/or any of their family members is prohibited. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and will result in immediate revocation of privileges to participate in the GWYHA activities for any of your family members. Encouraging others to retaliate also violates this policy.

11. No parents are allowed in the locker room at any time prior or after a game. Coaches and team managers will acknowledge your admittance to locker rooms, for the purpose of dressing your player at the Squirt and below level. Locker room time for preparation prior to games with the coaching staff and reflection on a games following play. Coaches have the support of the The Golden Wolves to enforce this respectable time periods prior and following games.

12. Parents should make sure that all fees and assessments are paid on time, as dictated by their players' team manager and/or Golden Wolves.

13. Parents are responsible to turn in all necessary forms (i.e. USA requirements, birth certificates) promptly when requested.

14. Parents must equip their player properly so they can participate in all practices, scrimmages and games.

15. Parents should keep abreast of all information pertinent to their player's team and ask questions of team managers, not coaches directly.

16. Parents should notify the head coach or team manager in advance when their player cannot make a practice, game or scrimmage as early as possible.

17. Parents will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches and officials, at every game and practice.

18. Parents will promote the emotional and physical well being of all the skaters, ahead of any personal desire to win, or any personal reflected glory. This includes, but is not limited to, providing support for coaches, officials and all others, to provide a positive experience.

19. Parents need to remember that the game is for the players and not for the parents and win or lose, will appreciate the efforts of all players and coaching staff.

20. Parents will treat all other parents; players, coaches and officials with respect, regarding attitude, language and mannerisms.

21. Parents will inform the coach of any physical or medical ailment that may affect the safety of their player or any other player.

22. Parents will agree to abide by the grievance policy set forth by the Golden Wolves for items of concern, and will engage the 24-hour wait clause prior to engaging coaches or team managers.

23. Parents are not allowed to physically, emotionally or psychologically abuse any other parent, player, coach, game official or directors. Violations of this rule are disciplined according to the Golden Wolves Discipline Policy.

Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

Guidelines for Parents:

- 1. All parents will agree to abide by the ZERO TOLERANCE policy set forth by the Golden Wolves for items of concern.**
- 2. Parents should get their player to practices, games and scrimmages at prescribed times.**
- 3. Parents should be understanding and supportive of the times and numbers of practices, scrimmages and games.**
- 4. Parents should be encouraging, not critical of their player, coach and team.**
- 5. Parents will be responsible for child supervision at all times while associated with hockey operations.**

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I _____, (Parent/Guardian) of

_____, (Player) have received, read and will abide by the Golden Wolves Travel Hockey Club's rules as set out in the Parents & Players Handbook • 2026/27; Player Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Guidelines both contained within. I understand that it is my responsibility to review these rules with my child.

Parent: (Signature)

Parent: (Print Name)

Date

Player Code of Conduct Agreement

Guidelines for Players:

1. Have fun!
2. Continuously work to grow as an athlete on and off the ice.
3. Be a team player. Respect your teammates, coaches, parents, refs, and opposing teams.
4. Respect your rink and locker room.
5. Be the best you can be, always!

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I _____, (PLAYER) have received, read and will abide by the Golden Wolves Travel Hockey Club's rules as set out in the Players Handbook • 2026/27; Player Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Guidelines both contained within. I understand that it is my responsibility to review these rules with my parent / guardian.

Parent: (Signature)

Player Signature

Date

Team Manager

Role of the Team Manager

The role of Team Manager is an important one. The Team Manager is the person who is responsible for coordination and communication between the players, parents, coaches, Golden Wolves organization, and all other teams that your team competes with.

Although the team manager role varies among teams and levels, it is a vital for success. There are no specific prerequisites to become a manager, other than an ability and willingness to devote the necessary time and energy to the job, and exceptional organizational ability. In addition to communicating information to and from the coaches, teams, and GM, most team managers will also be responsible for the following:

- Maintaining team schedules
- Monitoring team web pages for accuracy
- Preparing and maintaining the team player book
- Overseeing the team operating account, including keeping up-to-date income and expenditure records
- Distributing uniform orders and practice jerseys to team members
- Registering for all tournaments, including hotel reservations and head coach travel
- Establishing communications and coordination with other rinks and hockey programs.
- Preparing team roster labels for use on scrimmage and tournament game sheets
- Entering and updating the SFHL Managers Portal which includes player changing. (adding and removing players)
- Having a parent in the penalty box during all games.*

*Penalty box attendant must abide by all rules and sportsmanship. Failure to do so can result in a 3 game suspension to the head coach.

Communications

The biggest key to a successful team manager lies in establishing good communication among coaches, parents, and the organization. This requires the ability to use different modes of communication depending upon the situation.

Additional Roles

The team manager will often delegate specific tasks related to each team's success, such as travel coordination, fundraising, social activities, etc. We encourage you to help your team manager and offer assistance and support if you possess a particular skill or interest in any key team support roles.

Filing a Grievance

What to Do If You Have a Concern or Grievance

Hockey can be a very spirited game, and this will sometimes lead to disagreements among players, parents, staff, or administrators. The official Golden Wolves policy is to make every effort to work out these disagreements at the team level before they are addressed at higher levels. No matter what the concern or grievance, we adhere to a strict 24-Hour Rule, which helps ensure a “cooling off” period before the problem escalates.

24-Hour Rule

When a disagreement occurs and a coach, player, or parent has a resulting issue to be resolved, they are asked to wait 24 hours before discussing their concern with the appropriate party. Whether this issue is labeled as coaching error, teammate interference, parent conflict, or any other of a number of possible situations, it is very important that all parties involved take the full 24 hours before taking the next step. This helps to remove or decrease the emotional element so that the actual issue can be resolved quickly, in a civilized manner, and to everyone’s satisfaction.

This rule is effective because it:

- Allows each party involved during an issue to step back and clear the initial emotional elements
- Provides a clear and concise process for problem resolution
- Gives a clear understanding of what is expected from all parties involved
- Promotes direct communication
- Provides an avenue of fairness and opportunity to every parent, player, and coach

Filing a Grievance (Continued)

Filing a Grievance

If a dispute simply cannot be worked out among the participants, then Golden Wolves has implemented the following policies and procedures to ensure that everyone is able to be heard and to have their situation remedied. It is very important to follow this procedure in order to get your problem resolved in an orderly, fair, and consistent manner.

Once the parties have waited the mandatory 24-hour period after the incident that prompted the desire to file a grievance, the formal process may begin. This "cooling off" period is not to discourage frivolous grievances and ensure that they are only filed under serious circumstances. At this time, the parties involved are encouraged to talk out the situation and attempt to come to a reasonable outcome on their own.

If this reasonable outcome is not possible, then the complaining party must submit a formal complaint, called a grievance, to their team representative. To file a grievance, the aggrieved party must complete an Incident Report form available at <http://goldenwolves.com> detailing the complaint or concern and submit this report by email to the team representative. Once the form is reviewed, the representative will bring this concern to the team's head coach within 24 hours of receiving the Incident Report form.

The team representative will also forward a copy of the complaint to the Golden Wolves President. The team representative and coach will then discuss a plan of action to resolve the concern, and the person who filed the grievance will be contacted within 48 hours of filing the report.

Issues that are of a truly urgent nature or involve more than one person must be filed in the same manner as above; however, the team representative must immediately notify the President to discuss a course of action to work toward resolving the situation. Parties involved with filing the urgent grievance will receive a follow-up communication from the representative within 24 hours of his or her receipt of the complaint.

Golden Wolves Payments

Travel Hockey Fees

Fees are comprised of club fees, as well as team operating fund payments (slush fund) . This can be a source of confusion, so please understand that these are two separate funds. In order to ensure that our players and parents have a clear understanding of how the finances work, we have laid out the purposes for each separate fund.

Registration materials will be distributed through your team manager or via the Golden Wolves web site. Participants are responsible for securing all of the required registration materials and to fully comply with all registration policies and deadlines.

Golden Wolves Club Fees

Golden Wolves Club Fees cover only a portion of all travel hockey expenses for each player. The number of games, practices, etc. covered by GWYHA club fees will vary depending upon the league and division the participant is in, but for convenience sake, the following are some loose guidelines: approximately 50 weekday practices, all league fees, and 18 league games. How the team utilizes each practice and any additional ice sessions is entirely at the coaches' discretion.

Team Fund (Slush)

Team Fund (Slush) fees are also required, and are NOT included in your tuition fees. The team fund is managed and collected by your assigned team manager.

Examples of Slush Fund Team Fees

SFHL related league games & tournament, Extra Tournaments, Referees for Scrimmages, Extra Hours of Ice not assigned by the Association, Non Parent Coach Expenses including travel related expenses, Team Parties, and other Team Related activity expenses.

These total expenses are divided by the number of players on the team and paid to the team checkbook. The average season contribution per player is somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per season, and depends on the level of play and the number of games estimated at the beginning of each season. Teams that travel to out of state tournaments may have a higher fund than teams that agree to play more local games or within the state of Florida only. Team fund fees are in addition to your Golden Wolves Travel Hockey Season Fee, and can be augmented through fundraising activities.

Golden Wolves Payments

Team Budget

Coaches and managers will put together a team budget for the season which will help determine the slush fund. This is typically made up of tournaments, additional practices, coaching expenses while away (hotel, rental car, gas, per diem), additional scrimmages (refs and score keeper). All budgets must be approved. Anything over 10% of the approved budget plan must receive director approval. For additional help with the budget, please reach out to the Hockey Director.

Out of Area Coaching Expenses

For all tournaments or league weekends that require over night stays, non-parent coaches will be entitled to the following, to be included in the budget:

HOTEL

- 1 hotel room to be shared by coaches. Any additional rooms are at the coaches expense.

FLIGHTS

- Airfare paid for up to 2 coaches. Any additional flights are at the coaches expense.

RENTAL CAR

- 1 Rental Car shared between coaching staff (out of state). Any additional rental cars are at the coaches expense.

It is imperative that Team Managers & Coaches find the most competitive rates for hotels, flights & rental cars. It's the Team Managers responsibility to find the lowest, most competitive option available. All bookings must be made at least 45 days in advance. Team Managers are responsible for all bookings.

PER DIEM

- Daily per diem accordingly (for non-parent coaches - see below)

Coaches Per Diem

During the season, games will be played locally, out of area, and optionally out of state. Non-parent coaches should receive the following as per diem:

- Coaches per diem consists of \$100 for the head coach, \$75 for one (1) assistant coach, per day of travel. (\$175 total per day). The maximum is 2 coaches. Any additional coaches must pay at their own expense.
- Games outside of 100 mile radius from home rink - Pines Ice Arena or Miami Ice Arena, shall receive a gas stipend and 1 days per diem. Local games from West Palm beach to Kendall do not require additional coaching costs. This applies to SFHL league games and scrimmages. If coach rides with parent, team does NOT pay gas.

Golden Wolves Payments

2026-2027 Season Tuition Options

Regular Tuition 8U \$2400
(Deposit of \$750 + 3 monthly payments of \$550.00)

Regular Paid in Full Tuition \$4,500.00
(1 payment due at registration)

Regular Payment Plan Tuition \$4,950.00
(Deposit of \$750.00 + 4 monthly payments of \$1,050.00)

All Access Tuition \$5,950.00
(1 payment due at registration)

TUITION DETAILS

Regular PIF & Payment Plan Tuition

The team tuition fees are based on a full team roster and the cost could be adjusted if the roster is short. Your team tuition fees include the fees for Leagues, Practices, Golden Wolves Bauer Gloves, Preseason Training Camp & Coaching Staff. It will also include the use of the Wolves Fitness Gym as determined by your head coach. The Regular Paid in Full Tuition fees are due in full at registration when committing to the team. Regular Payment Plan Tuition fees will require an initial deposit of \$750.00 and 4 monthly payments of \$1,050.00 starting June 15, 2026 for a total of \$4,950.00 to be paid by September 15, 2026.

All Access Tuition

The team tuition fees are based on a full team roster and the cost could be adjusted if the roster is short. Your team tuition fees include the fees for Leagues, Practices, Golden Wolves Bauer Gloves, Preseason Training Camp & Coaching Staff. All Access will also include the use of the Wolves Fitness area as determined by your head coach, Unlimited Stick & Puck and Public Skating at home rink, 10 Skate Sharpenings at Pines Ice Pro Shop, and a Free Registration for the PIA 2026 Summer 3v3 League. Players are responsible for claiming and signing up for the included 3v3 league once the registration is launched. The tuition of \$5,950.00 is due in full at registration when committing to the team. All Access privileges begin once full payment is received. All Access spots are limited and are awarded on a first come first serve basis.

8U Tuition

This tuition is for players who were listed on the roster for the 2026-2027 Golden Wolves 8U Mite teams. Your team tuition fees include the fees for Leagues, Practices, Coaching Staff and the perks listed below. The fee schedule will be an initial Deposit of \$750.00 and 3 monthly payments starting June 15th, 2026 at \$550.00 per month for a total of \$2,400.00 to be paid by August 15th, 2026.

8U Regular Tuition Perks:

- 50 Practices
- 5-6 SFHL Jamborees
- 10 Stick & Puck Passes (issued when paid in full)
- Unlimited Public Session Access (begins when paid in full)
- Free Fall 2026 in house season

Failure to make timely payments will result in your child not being allowed to participate in team activities!

Golden Wolves Payments

No Pay, No Play Policy

If it is determined that an association fee payment or team operating payment (Slush Fund) has not been made by a player, the “no pay-no play” policy takes effect; and the delinquent family will be notified.

This policy requires that payment compliance occurs immediately or the player will not be allowed to practice or play in any games, scrimmages, or tournaments without approval from the GWYHA Board.

Player Financial Release Policy – (Players New to GWYHA Organization)

Any player who has signed a commitment letter for another USAH organization for 2026 – 2027 season, or who was born outside the United States must secure a player release from that association or the Hockey Federation prior to any participation with the GWYHA.

Player Seeking Golden Wolves Club Release

Upon request, the Golden Wolves will grant player releases to all participants who are paid in full. All items of concern, including any unpaid fees, must be resolved prior to a release form being signed by the Golden Wolves President.

Commitment & Expectations

Players and parents should expect that the commitment to a team requires a significant amount of time and dedication. Coaches at all levels will expect that players attend practices and games. Communicating with the coaches or team manager when a player can't be at a practice or game is essential for the coaches to prepare their game and practice plan. Most coaches prefer that your player miss a game rather than a practice. More ice time, skill development instruction and individual improvement occur as a result of practice time not games.

Each coach will have his/her own rules and discipline regarding absences. These rules will be clearly explained in an early season parent meeting. Please respect their need to establish these parameters for their team. The Golden Wolves will back coaches in the enforcement of team rules. The Golden Wolves cannot stress enough that, regardless of the level at which your child will play, the commitment he/she is making is significant. Be sure both you as the parent, and the player understands this at the time of registration. This is especially true at the older levels of play.

Please contact any member of the The Golden Wolves if you have questions regarding time and commitment expectations.

Travel hockey is highly competitive, and thus the following guidelines should be understood

- To a reasonable extent, coaches may use ice time as a motivational tool; If the team is playing well the coaches will try to give fair ice time to all players, however if one line is being scored against, their ice time may diminish at any time during the game.
- The flow of the game, power plays and penalty killing situations may occasionally result in unequal playing times.
- Other factors coaches will consider: where the team is located in the standings, is this a must game to make the playoffs, etc.
- Teams that carry less than a full roster will obviously result in different playing times between defensemen and forwards.
- Players' ice time may not be equal in each and every game, but should be roughly equal over the course of the season.
- A player may be denied equal ice for disciplinary reasons. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to, violations to the Golden Wolves Code of Conduct, non-compliance with team rules or repeated absences from team activities (the team's Manager will monitor such a denial of equal ice time).
- For teams with rosters that utilize a two-goalie system, the goalies may receive a 50/50 split (1/2 game or alternate games) of playing time. Exceptions would be in critical games, where the coach will decide who is best suitable to play that game or if the coach discusses different arrangements prior to the season.

Fundraising

Team Fundraising Initiatives

All Golden Wolves teams have the ability to fundraise on an individual team basis to help offset some of the team expenses. Participants and parents are encouraged to submit fundraising and sponsorship ideas to their team manager who will present them to Golden Wolves management.

Sponsorships

Corporate sponsorship packages are available by request. Any potential sponsors must be reviewed and approved by the Golden Wolves President, Hockey Director, or GM.

Club Fundraising Opportunities

Additional fundraising opportunities (both optional & required) may be announced by the Golden Wolves at any time throughout the course of the season.

Name and Logo

Please be advised that the name "Golden Wolves Hockey" and any variations thereof may not be used without written consent from the Golden Wolves.

The same rule applies to the Golden Wolves logo. For all intents and purposes, any activity, which would require the name or logo, needs prior approval in order to be in compliance. For more information please contact the Golden Wolves President or Hockey Director.

Required Equipment

Part of being a contributing team member is looking the part. Players must own each component of the uniform, and are required to follow dress codes and uniform regulations.

Complete team uniform and necessary safety equipment requirements include:

- Golden Wolves – Home and away jerseys / Game Only Socks
- Golden Wolves – Warmup suit
- Golden Wolves – Shell
- Golden Wolves – Equipment bag
- Golden Wolves – Helmet decals
- Black Gloves – *Provided by the Golden Wolves*
- Yellow Helmet
- Skates
- Stick
- Practice Jersey / practice socks
- Mouth guard / neck Guard
- Elbow/shin pads
- Hockey Girdle – Hockey Cover
- Shoulder/chest protector
- Protective cup/pelvic protector

All participants will be required to purchase home and away jerseys during our uniform sale, or online when our new online store is activated. Jerseys will display the player's last name (no nicknames) and number. If there are conflicting number requests, they will be decided by a seniority system. Regardless of Golden Wolves affiliation time, those participants who are "second year" in the age classification have preference over "first year" participants. Jerseys must be maintained in excellent condition during the season. Jersey numbers 0, 00 & 27 are not permitted.

All socks must be worn as a set – NO mix and match! Socks that become torn must be replaced at participant's expense. All hockey gloves and pants must be black in color, and all participants need to obtain an industry-approved helmet or goalie mask. Helmet safety and certification stickers should not be removed and must be left on as per USAH regulations.

Each team member must wear a matching yellow helmet with official Golden Wolves decals and player number, and no other markings. Goalie helmets may have customized paint schemes, and the club decal is not required.

For scrimmages, games, and tournaments, all players must dress uniformly and wear approved shoes (Flip-flops, sandals, Crocs or bare feet are not acceptable.). Your team manager will be able to tell you what you will need to wear to be in compliance for a particular team event.

Rink and Locker Rooms

Rules & Procedures

It is the policy of Golden Wolves to have at least one responsible adult directly monitoring the locker room during all team events, to ensure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel are permitted in the locker room, and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.

1. Players and parents are responsible for being aware of and obeying all rink rules.
2. Coaches or team managers may be required to exchange their car keys as collateral for locker room keys. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their locker room is clean and free from all litter prior to leaving.
3. Players must arrive at their locker room at the time designated by their coaching staff or team manager.
4. Players should respect and listen to their coaches and team representative when addressed either individually or as a group.
5. Players must arrive to games & tournaments in the designated attire.
6. Players should refrain from excessive horseplay, and must act professionally and disciplined, ready to practice, learn, or play the game.
7. There will be no rough-housing in the locker rooms and/or rink facility. Further, shooting pucks against walls, playing "hockey" in the rooms, banging doors, etc. is destructive and will not be tolerated.
8. Spitting, squirting water bottles, or throwing objects in the locker rooms is strictly forbidden.
9. Golden Wolves are held responsible for damage to home facility performed not only by its' members, but also for any damage incurred by visiting teams and parents. Golden Wolves are also held responsible for all damages while visiting away rinks.
10. Any player who is found damaging any property at an ice rink or locker room will be charged for the property damaged, and will be brought in front of the Golden Wolves Rules and Disciplinary Committee, and may be subject for suspension and expulsion from future events.
11. Only team players and approved/certified coaches with active CEP cards are permitted on the players' bench. This is also applies to team practices.
12. No player should enter ice rink area until the Zamboni has exited the ice, the Zamboni doors have closed, and coaches have given the OK.
13. No Phones in the Locker room are permitted at any time!

**Take Pride in yourself and how you behave. Show respect at
ALL Times!**

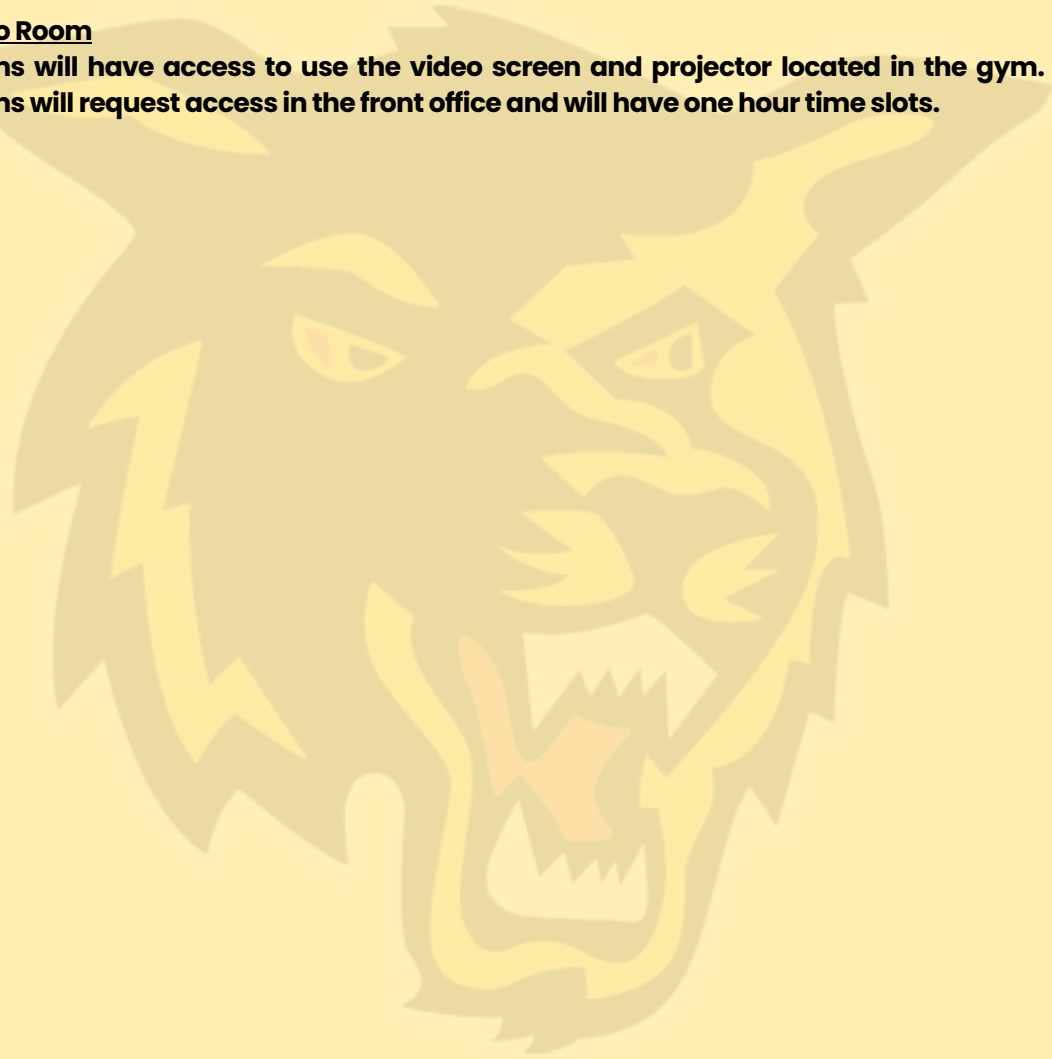
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Pines Ice Gym

Golden Wolves teams have the privilege to use the gym upstairs prior or post practice. All teams squirt to bantam must be supervised by a coach or manager. Midget teams do not need adult supervision. We ask you respect the gym as if it was your own. Failure to keep the gym clean, teams will lose gym privileges.

Video Room

Teams will have access to use the video screen and projector located in the gym. Teams will request access in the front office and will have one hour time slots.



Required Forms

Documentation

The following forms and documents are required to be submitted to your team manager before the start of the season; some forms may be required sooner. Your team manager will notify you if any of the required forms are not on file. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

USAH and Golden Wolves required forms can be located or linked from our website at <http://goldenwolves.com>

- Signed Golden Wolves Player Commitment Agreement
- Signed Golden Wolves Player and Parent Codes of Conduct
- USA Hockey Player and Parent Code of Conduct
- Copy of USA Hockey 2026-2027 Registration
- USA Hockey Consent to Treat / USAH Medical History***

***National Bound Teams Only