

Senior Hockey League

January, 2024

The objective of this league is to provide adults with an opportunity to play ice hockey. The goal is to maximize the enjoyment of playing ice hockey while minimizing the chance for injury. Emphasis is placed on evenly matched teams, good sportsmanship, and a chance for exercise, rather than winning. **However, this league is not for beginners.**

Organizational Structure: Teams are divided up via a player draft by volunteers from the Senior Hockey League. All players are encouraged to attend the draft, and once chosen, to assist the manager with the remaining selections. Due to the draft structure and the limited number of openings, it is possible that some applicants may not be selected. The application fee will be refunded in full to anyone not drafted. *No other refunds will be given.*

League rules: This session is a joint program of the Senior Hockey League and the Nelson Center, and is open to all men and women age 15 and over. Players assume all risk of injury when playing and must wear proper protective equipment. The applicable waiver form(s) must be signed by the player or a parent or guardian.

Game rules: The Referee's decisions concerning any and all game situations are final. ***Checking, slapshots, and fighting are not allowed.*** Any player receiving three minor penalties in one game may receive a game ejection and possible suspension for an additional game at the discretion of the referees. Any action deemed more severe than a minor penalty may result in a game misconduct and possible suspension from the league. USA Hockey guidelines are followed for all other rules. A supplemental rules list has also been posted on the SHL bulletin board at the Nelson Center.

Signing Up to Play: **December 30, 2023 is the sign up deadline.** ***This registration form, a signed waiver form, and a \$200.00 non-refundable fee must be postmarked by this date. Only checks or money orders made out to Senior Hockey League will be accepted. Applications without a signed waiver will not be accepted.***

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.

The Player Draft is scheduled for January 7, 2024 at 7:00pm at The Alamo (5th and Jefferson in Springfield). Details of the draft are subject to change. Notification of any changes will be emailed prior to the draft date. Twelve (12) games will be played Sunday evenings, starting January 14, 2024. Game times will be posted as we get closer to the start of the season. Further information will be posted at the Nelson Center and on the SHL website at: springfieldshl.com. For questions, call 217-496-6361.

*The fine print:

SHL is a non-profit organization, total league cost is calculated at the draft, and player fees are used for payment of ice time and referees. Once a player is drafted, there will be no refunds given for any reason, even if the player misses some or all of the games. This is because the costs of the league do not decrease when a player drops out for any reason! Players are drafted into the league at a single meeting while all captains and any players who care to attend are present. This encourages teams to be as even as possible, and typically causes them to change each season. No players will be added to the league after the draft for any reason!!! Replacement players are allowed only if the players are from another Senior League team from the current session and both captains are in agreement. Replacement players from outside the league have not signed a current waiver, and are thus strictly forbidden.

Mail this form and a **signed waiver form** with a check or money order payable to
Senior Hockey League for \$200 Postmarked by December 30, 2023 to:
Senior Hockey League, 708 Prairie Lake Dr, Sherman, IL 62684

**** Please provide your email address and cell as they are the principle methods of communication for news and upcoming sessions ****

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Check here if info
has changed

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ E-mail _____

Birth date: _____ Are you a goalie? _____ If you are a new player, briefly describe hockey experience: _____

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