

CINCINNATI SWORDS

HOCKEY TIMES

END OF SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Team Gick – Bantam BTHL

Team Gick ended their season on a high note placing 1st in the BYHL Bantam A Silver Lower Championship on February 24th! They earned Bronze in the Olympic Showdown skills competition at the Nashville Showdown tournament on March 2nd. (Picture with hats). They also placed 1st place in the Nashville Country & Western Showdown Tournament in Nashville on March 3rd. They went 4-0 against teams from Atlanta, Huntsville, Nashville, and Indianapolis in the Bantam B Division.



Team Clark – Peewee MYHL

Team Clark ended the regular season as the #1 seed in their division, with a 15-1 record. They reached the end of season tournament finals, but lost to West Virginia. As a team they played in 5 total tournaments (including the EOS Goggin) during the season. Making it to the finals in 4 of the 5 tournaments with a win in the Cleveland tourney finals. The team also had the opportunity to skate at US Bank Arena with the Cyclones, practice and scrimmage.

Team Erdmann – Peewee BTHL

The Cincinnati Swords PW3 team led by coaches Evan Erdmann and Brandon Fackey ended their season as BTHL Silver division champions with a record of 19W, 3L and 2 ties. They also took the Silver medal in the end of season BTHL division champions, losing a hard fought game against the Indy Racers. On a whole the team played 65 games this year and ended up with a 37W, 27L, 4T record, winning a tournament in Detroit and having 2 second place medals in tournaments in South Bend and Pittsburgh. The team had a great year of growth as hockey players and as friends. At the end of season party the team got together and presented their teammate Mitchell Reh a shadow box frame housing a team picture and medals from all 3 of our tournaments this year to replace the medals lost in their home fire.



Team McDonald – Pee wee BTHL

It was a hard fought season for Coach McDonald's team, playing BTHL U12 A Gold division in their first year as Pee wees. In league they contended for the league championship down to the last weekend. Out of league they consistently played tough against AA and AAA teams. The boys grew a lot over the entire season ending in our end of season championship where they beat the Dayton Stealth 4-0 (they were 0-7-1 against them during the season).

Tournament Highlights: Team Nations Cup Champions 2017 - having 2 points in the seeding round was instrumental in USA beating Canada, Oxford Tournament Runner-ups, BTHL EOS Tournament - Gold Lower Tournament Champions.



INTRODUCING FREE CLINIC MONDAYS

The Cincinnati Swords organization is excited to announce a new program for our U10-U18 teams for the 2018-19 season. Beginning in September, we will use our Monday night ice for skills clinics. The clinic curriculum will be developed by our Director of Hockey in conjunction with our hockey commissioner and coaches to help skaters continue their path to becoming the best possible hockey players. Clinics may be geared to a specific age group or a specific skill set. We will have 4 hours a week to split up, so we can offer a variety of sessions, allowing us to help grow ALL players regardless of their age or level of play.

Examples of potential clinics include:

- 2009 only session – transition from ½ to full ice, offsides
- 2005 only – basic checking
- 2004/2003 – checking refresher/enhanced checking techniques
- Goalies only – goalie specific training
- Coaching clinics – on-ice coaching clinic for our coaching staff
- U12 sessions – body contact what is it; what's legal at this age
- General clinics for power skating, breakouts, etc.

We will map out the schedule prior to the start of the season for the first half of the season and then develop the second half schedule later in the season to incorporate coaches feedback on areas that need additional attention.

The association plans to continue and grow our relationships with sponsors and will use these funds to cover the costs. If you know anyone or any company that may be interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2018-19 season, please reach out to the Director of Marketing at swordsmarketing@gmail.com.

SPORTS PLUS – MAKING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Sports Plus is making strides to improve the ice rink portion of their facilities. One of the recent improvements includes the new electric Zamboni which eliminates the air quality issues the rink has had in the past. Currently they are working on repairing the roof of the building to address the leaking issues that have occurred over the last several months. Look for more improvements to come in the future.



SCOREBOARD SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

This season we added two new sponsors to the scoreboards and we would like to share a little about them.

Canada Rink



Featured in Yelp Cincinnati's "What to look forward to in 2018" radio segment on 700WLW, Woodhouse Kitchen + Bar brings traditional European cuisine into the mainstream by combining it with New American cooking methods and techniques, all while using farm-fresh foods and locally sourced ingredients.

Located at 2629 Water Park Drive in Mason, Ohio
5-10 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 5-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

Woodhouse is owned by the Pivor family whose son Ben plays for the Swords (Team Erdmann).

USA Rink



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The Andrew Sloan Agency is owed by the Coach Andy Sloan (Assistant Coach for Team Clark) whose son also plays for the Swords (Team Clark).

COACH DON BIGGS AHL HALL OF FAME 2018 INDUCTEE

Did you know we have a hall of famer in our organization? Coach Don Biggs, was inducted into the American Hockey League Hall of Fame class of 2018.



During his career Coach Biggs was a Calder Cup champion and AHL MVP, who owns the league's single-season scoring record.

Coach Biggs serves as our Director of Hockey as well as coaching the Swords High School Varsity Team.

For more visit - <https://ahlhalloffame.com/don-biggs>

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH BIGGS!

SUMMER CAMPS, CLINICS & LESSONS



April 9th Checking Clinic – Class Session

Summer camp information is now being added to our Lessons, Camps & Clinics page, so be sure to check it out. Please note some of the camps offer early bird registration and Swords discounts so be sure to check for these when registering. For more details visit the Lessons, Camps & Clinics page on our website, which can be found in the left navigation panel of the Home Page.

2018-2019 TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2018-2019 Season will be held between Saturday April 28th and Sunday May 6th. Please visit the Cincinnati Swords website for additional details.

For additional information on the 2018-2019 season and updates on the tryout schedule, please visit the Cincinnati Swords website and refer to the following articles:

2018-19 SWORDS PROGRAM INFORMATION

2018-19 TRYOUT SCHEDULE

CINCINNATI SWORDS 2018-19 COACHING ANNOUNCEMENT

2018-2019 COACH PROSPECTUS

SPRING SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Spring Spirit Wear Sale is open now through May 14th. We are again partnering with Customize It to provide our spirit wear and are offering a variety of options. Below are a few of the new items that are being offered for the spring sale.



Most items are available in both adult and youth sizes. Check out our Shop at www.customizeitcincy.com. To enter the Swords Shop select Shop Login in the top right corner of the Customize It homepage and enter SWORDS for the username and HOCKEY for the password.

THANK YOU FROM THE REH FAMILY

Dear Hockey Family,

We want to thank each and everyone of you for your generous donations, your thoughtful words and prayers for our family during this tragic time in our lives. We are so blessed and grateful to call you our friends.

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