

**Naperville Central High School**  
**Redhawks Hockey Association (RHA)**  
**2012-2013 Objectives & Tryout Procedures**

**RHA Objectives**

The Redhawks Hockey Association is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAI). The Redhawks Hockey Association has the following primary objectives:

1. To provide and conduct ice hockey programs for full time students attending Naperville Central High School in Naperville Community Unit School District 203.
2. To promote, train, teach and develop the sport of organized ice hockey. To develop the physical, mental, emotional, and social well being of participants including development of the personal character traits of self-esteem, self-discipline, perseverance and sportsmanship.
3. To provide for a Varsity ice hockey team made up of the highest skilled players. Its primary purpose is to win games. Its secondary purpose is to further develop the skills of each Varsity player to their maximum potential.
4. To provide for a Junior Varsity ice hockey team. Its primary purpose is the development of skills and teaching of theory to each Junior Varsity player with the intention of preparing that player for tryouts to the Varsity team at a future date. Its secondary purpose is to win games.

Our goal is to allow for the greatest possible participation for those players willing to make a definite commitment to competitive hockey. All participants chosen to be a member of the Varsity or Junior Varsity team will be offered the opportunity to practice, and whenever possible, to participate in games relative to their demonstrated abilities. RHA provides a means for Varsity and Junior Varsity players to earn their school letters.

**Tryout Procedures**

Based upon the growing interest and past accomplishments of the Redhawks program we expect a strong and competitive tryout for both teams. Tryouts will be conducted as follows:

1. Two tryout sessions will be conducted. The first session will be closed. A scrimmage game will be played as part of the second tryout.
2. Players are expected to attend both tryout sessions. If a player must miss a tryout session, the player needs to contact Jeff Nelson (630-248-1938) prior to that session.
3. Players should be dressed and ready to skate 10 minutes prior to the start of the first tryout and should arrive 60 minutes prior to the start of the scrimmage game.
4. Team selection is determined solely by the RHA coaching staff. There are no positions guaranteed on any team.
5. Players can find out which team they are on by going to <http://www.redhawkhockey.com/> after the scrimmage game. The teams will be posted within 24 hours after the scrimmage game. The coaching staff will be available to discuss their decisions with the player. Team rosters do not need to be finalized until October 15th. Therefore, some team assignments can change between tryouts and October 15th.

Players will be permitted to play on two hockey teams during the 2012-13 season. However, players interested in doing this must contact the coach the first day of tryouts to discuss the commitment expected from the Redhawk organization. Players are expected to make all Redhawk practices. Absences will result in loss of playing time.