



2024-2025 Season

Dear Prospective Jr. A Player,

We are sending you this letter because someone from our scouting staff watched you play hockey this season and you impressed them.

The Stouffville Spirit play in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL), which represents itself to prospective players as 'The League of Choice'. The OJHL and other Jr. A hockey leagues present an opportunity for players aged 16-20 to develop for an opportunity in the **OHL**, **QMJHL** or an opportunity to earn a scholarship in the **NCAA** or **USports** in Canada.

Stouffville, Ontario is located about 30 minutes Northeast of Toronto and is within driving distance for players who reside in Barrie, Orillia, Innisfil, Alliston, Newmarket, Aurora, Markham, Uxbridge, Port Perry, Keswick, East Gwillimbury, Bradford, Brampton, Oakville, Toronto, Pickering, Markham, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Peterborough, Lindsay and all points in between. We also have a number of billet families for players who come from farther away.

The Spirit management team have built strong relationships with many OHL teams, including our recent years as an affiliate with the Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League in addition to many QMJHL teams. Additionally, the team's coaching staff and management have many contacts with NCAA schools and Canadian Universities to help our players get every opportunity to move forward in their careers.

As an elite hockey player, you will likely receive many opportunities to skate with different Junior teams this spring in preparation for next season. We like to pride ourselves on using our development camp to identify players to participate in our main camp, and in being loyal to those players. Last spring, eight of this season's rookies participated in our rookie camp and all-star game. In addition to those players who made our team, our 2023-2024 AP list consists mostly of players who first impressed us at our rookie camp in May of 2023. They have been invited to practices, worked with our scouting staff, or were part of our development program last summer and during the 2023-24 season. In turn, we follow their development, provide feedback and information, culminating in an opportunity to AP and practise and play in an affiliated player capacity.

A track record for success

Kaden Pitre, a Spirit AP in 2021-22 – is now playing for the Flint Firebirds of the OHL, and on the 2024 NHL draft list. Alliston's **Tyson Foerster**, a Spirit AP in 2017-18, went on to play two seasons with the OHL's Barrie Colts before being a first-round selection of the Philadelphia Flyers in the 2020 NHL draft. He is now a regular with the Flyers. **Ian Lemieux** began his Jr. career as an AP with Stouffville, before moving on to the OHL with Barrie and now Kingston. It was the same for **Ashton Reesor** (Sarnia/Guelph) and **Charlie Da Fonseca** (Drummondville) before graduating to teams in the Canadian Hockey League. Lemieux, Reesor and Da Fonseca all AP'd with the Spirit before playing full time in Stouffville. 2021-22 saw **Michael Carcone's** NHL debut for Arizona. Eight Spirit grads have now played in the NHL, while several have been NHL draft picks. Pittsburgh's **Drake Caggiula** is second only to **Chris Tanev** as the former Spirit player with the most NHL games played. Drake led the Spirit to the 2012 OJHL championship and was named playoff MVP by the league – in only his second season. In 2016-2017, as a 16-year-old, **Hunter Jones** played 16 games during his season with the Spirit and represented Stouffville at the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge. Hunter is in the mix of goaltending prospects within the Minnesota Wild organization.

Nolan Jackson played this season with Stouffville as a full-time player and it has given him the opportunity to develop into a top prospect for the OHL's Sudbury Wolves, who have already had him play in four (4) games for them this season.

Danny Thomakos and **Julian Demiglio**, were AP's during the 2021-22 season, played Jr. B and U18, respectively, in the 2022-23 season, and are now playing full-time for the Spirit this season.

What you need to know

We like highly skilled, high-IQ hockey players who are mature and determined to earn their opportunity to partner with us for their development, and to help us in our goal of winning another OJHL Championship. For you, the first step is complete, as we have identified you playing Jr. B, Jr. C, U18 or U16 or high school hockey in 2023-2024.

Now it is up to you.

Please take a look at our website – stouffvillespirit.ojhl.ca – review our coaching and scouting staff, stable ownership and track record for development over the last 25+ years.

If you agree with our identifying that you are a future Junior Hockey player, are looking for a place to play and develop and an organization to be a part of, a place where hard work on and off the ice are rewarded, a place where our scouting and management staff are available to provide communication and feedback, please complete the attached pages and sign up for our spring development camp.

Development camp will be held April 29, 30 and May 1, 2024 at the Stouffville Arena, 12483 Ninth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Ontario.

Dates: April 29, 30 and May 1, 2024 – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – times will be during the afternoon, with games occurring between **3pm – 10 pm. Players will likely play one game per day, and their team will not have the early game more than once during the three days of camp.**

COST: \$300 (+\$39 HST) PER PLAYER

Players are required to supply all of their own equipment for the development camp. This includes sticks, tape, helmets with cages plus mouth guards. A jersey will be provided at registration prior to your first game. Players can also request updates to their Elite Prospects profile, including supplying a picture for their profile. Stouffville works to help keep our players' information on EP always up to date, and we offer the same to those players who come to our development camp.

To ensure a spot for the development camp, please return your Registration and Medical forms along with a cheque in the amount of \$339 (includes HST) payable to the Stouffville Spirit, NO LATER THAN April 15, 2024.

Please mail to:

Stouffville Spirit Jr. A Hockey Club,
80 William St.
Stouffville, ON
L4A 1B3
Attn: Ken Burrows

You will be notified approximately 2 days prior to the camp, by either phone or email, as to your team color and jersey number.

Registration is open to 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005 players from U16, U18, High School, Jr. B and Jr. C.



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2024 DEVELOPMENT CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Team (2023-24): _____

Position: _____

Stats: G: _____ A: _____ PTS: _____ PIM: _____

Or

GAA: _____ SV%: _____ W: _____ L: _____ T: _____

Please Note:

Registration is open to **2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008-born players.**

Please complete this form, **AND THE PERMISSION TO SKATE FORM (can also be brought to registration as some organizations cannot provide until April)**, and return with your payment to:

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Waiver of Claims & Medical Release

I the undersigned, acknowledge that the Stouffville Spirit Hockey Club involves vigorous exertion and activity and the game of hockey involves risks and dangers of personal injury. I hereby release the Stouffville Spirit Jr. "A" hockey club its officers, directors, employees and medical staff from any and all liability for physical injuries rising or resulting from my attendance and participation in the Stouffville Spirit development camp.

I further acknowledge that I presently suffer from no medical or physical conditions which have not been disclosed in full to the Stouffville Spirit Jr. "A" hockey club and to the best of my knowledge I am physically able to partake in the Stouffville Spirit hockey club development camp.

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent to and authorize the Stouffville Spirit medical staff to provide any and all medical information concerning my mental and physical condition to the Stouffville Spirit and coaching staff.

I have read and understand this waiver and release agreement. I am not relying on my oral or written presentation or statements made by any representative of the Stouffville Spirit Hockey Club.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Name of parent (Guardian) _____

Signature of Parent (Guardian) _____ Date: _____

Please mail this waiver with your application to:

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call General Manager Ken Burrows at **416-990-2683** or e-mail **Stouffvillespirit@gmail.com**; Head Scout Max Saegert can also be reached at 416-985-5137 or e-mail max.saegert@gmail.com