

## **Mite Hockey Registration Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I register my child?**

If your child played last year in Wayzata's program, you must register online. Registrations for returning players are due August 31st, 2009.

If your child is new to the program, you can register online or in person on September 12th at Plymouth Ice Center from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the Center Ice Room. However, existing WYHA families must register ALL players in their family online, returning AND new, at the same time. Representatives from the Mite program will be available on the 12<sup>th</sup> to answer questions.

Online Registration deadline for **all** players is September 20, 2009.

### **How old does my child have to be to play hockey?**

Mites: Children must be five years old by June 30, 2009.

Mini Mites: Children must be four years old by June 30, 2009.

### **Does my child have to know how to skate to start hockey?**

The WYHA Mite program is a developmental program designed to teach all kids the fundamental skills necessary to play the game of hockey, as well as the elementary concepts of the game itself. Skating is the most fundamental of these skills and a major focus of the entire Mite program.

### **How long does the season run?**

The season runs November 2009 through the first weekend in March 2010.

Mini Mites will start the middle of November.

### **How often do they practice?**

Mini Mites: One hour of ice time on the weekend (Sunday) beginning mid November and going through February. No skating will be held Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Years weekends.

Rookie Mites/Girls 8U Rookie: 1-2 indoor practices or games on weekends (1 indoor skills or outdoor practice during the week)

Intermediate Mites: 1-2 indoor practices or games on weekends (1 indoor skills or outdoor practice during the week)

Advance Mites/Girls 8U Advance: 2 indoor practices or games on weekends (1 indoor skills or outdoor practice during the week)

### **At what Mite level do I register my child?**

All Players **must** register for the appropriate level according to their birth date. Wayzata Youth Hockey is in alignment with the governing body, Minnesota Hockey, with regards to this policy. Please refer to the WYHA Age Level Policy for further clarification.

The Mite Director and Level Coordinators may recommend, based on a skill assessment after the season has started, a move to a level best suited for the development of your child.

**Will my child be placed with other children from his/her school?**

At the Rookie and Intermediate Mite levels, the program tries but does not guarantee that a child will play with others from the same school. It is dependent upon number of teams, number of children registered, etc.

Teams at the Advanced Mite levels are balanced by skill level following an on-ice evaluation of all players. New this year, WYHA and the Advanced Mite coaches will attempt to form the teams with the school in mind to increase the likelihood that the players will have a friend on the their team.

**Can I sign my child up with a specific friend?**

Because of the difficulty in honoring all these requests, we cannot guarantee it.

**Do I need the players' birth certificate in order to register?**

Yes. According to USA Hockey rules we cannot complete a registration without a copy of the players' official birth certificate. Hospital or baptismal certificates cannot be used.

If you registered your child with WYHA last year, we have a birth certificate on file. If you are new to the program, USA Hockey requires us to get and keep get a copy of the child's birth certificate before processing the registration forms.

**What is the refund policy if my child doesn't like it?**

Refunds are available through Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (and not processed until this time). The fee will be prorated for ice time skated and \$50 administration fees. All refunds must be requested in writing to the Registrar Team: Mark or Colleen Sivets at [registrar@wayzatahockey.org](mailto:registrar@wayzatahockey.org)

**Equipment**

Mite players are required to wear the following equipment:

Certified Helmet - recommended Gold  
Shin pads  
Elbow pads  
Mouth guard  
Skates  
Stick  
Cup (w/ Velcro shorts to hold up the hockey socks)  
Breezers  
Shoulder pads  
Gloves

**Recommended:**

Hockey socks  
One piece cup/sock holder shorts  
Neck guard  
Hockey bag  
Skate guards

**Do I need to live in the Wayzata School District?**

To play with the WYHA Mite program, Minnesota Hockey requires us to ensure that all players are currently enrolled in a public/private school within the Wayzata School District OR live within the district boundaries. We cannot otherwise accept registrations from families outside the district. All registrations will be checked against district boundaries before being processed.

Private School enrollment within District #284 attendance area and district #284 open-enrollments will require school verification to be submitted before registrations will be accepted.

**Why are the fees higher for Advanced Mite levels?**

The amount of ice time is increased at each Mite level. Advanced mite levels also participate in several skills clinics throughout the year as part of the program. The costs of the skills clinics are built into the registration fees.

**What is the multi-skater discount?**

Families with three or more skaters in the program receive a discount.

Three skaters = \$100; Four or more skaters = \$125.

**Scholarships**

Limited scholarship funds are available for families needing special financial consideration. The WYHA Executive board will approve all scholarships. Please note that a family's participation in the school's reduced/free lunch program is the prime criteria for scholarship consideration.

Contact Colleen Sivets at [registrar@wayzatahockey.org](mailto:registrar@wayzatahockey.org) for a Scholarship Form or further information.

**Payment Plans**

Payment plans are not available. Initial registration fees for **all** players in the family are due at the time of registration.