



Key 2019-2020 Dates:

August	Registration Opens
September 10	Clinics Start
October	Evaluations begin
October 26	Season starts
March 1	Season ends

Program Overview

EHA Mite Program for 2019-2020

The Edina Mite Program, for both boys and girls, has been designed to introduce new skaters to the game of hockey as well as progressively develop and challenge skaters for up to 5 years during the key foundational years for youth hockey. All skaters must be compliant with the current EHA guidelines for age (must be 4 years of age before July 1st of year entering program) and residency (must live in Edina city boundaries or for players outside of Edina to be enrolled in an Edina school at Kindergarten level or older).

The goals of the program are simple:

- Fun for all ages and abilities
- Progressive, Age appropriate skills and drills
- Experienced, well-trained coaches
- Fundamental skating development/repetition
- Opportunity for all to play at each level

Final level placement for all Mite Levels is at the discretion of the Mite Committee.

Goalies

Goalies will be introduced at the Mite 2 level for boys and the Mite 3 level for girls. There will be a mandatory rotation for all teams except Mite 4, which will rotate between 2-3 goalies if available. Goalie clinics are available for interested players. (Depending on ice availability)

Registration

Registration for Edina Mite boys and girls is by birthdate. There are only 3 options:

Level	Birthdate Range	Fees
Termite (Boys and Girls)	Between 7/1/13 – 6/30/15	\$149
6U Mites (Boys and Girls)	Between 7/1/12 – 6/30/14	\$299 + \$200 player fee
8U Mites (Boys and Girls)	Between 7/1/10 – 6/30/12	\$599 + \$200 player fee

The birthdate range 7/1/13 through 7/1/14 is the only age group with more than one option. If this is their first year in hockey, they are a Termite. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Mite Committee member for assistance.

All preseason ice and evaluations are based on birthdate and last initial. Please see the EHA website for the current schedule.

Team Formation –Termite/6U Mites

Teams at these levels will be formed based on school and neighborhood groups. There are no formal evaluations for Termites or Mite 1 skaters.

Boys

Birthdate Range	Levels
7/1/2014-6/30/2015	Termite
7/1/2013-6/30/2014	Termite or Mite 1
7/1/2012-6/30/2013	Mite 1 or Mite 2

Girls

Birthdate Range	Levels
7/1/2014-6/30/2015	Termite
7/1/2013-6/30/2014	Termite or Mite 1
7/1/2012-6/30/2013	Mite 1 or Mite 3

During the clinics, if it's determined by the level director that your son or daughter would benefit from moving up from Boys Mite 1 to Mite 2 or Girls Mite 1 to Mite 3 we will discuss that with you. If your player moves, fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Level & Team Placement – 8U Mites

Evaluations

The Mite program has the largest span of ages and experience in EHA. The goal of the evaluation process is to have every player at the right level for their current skating skills, so they develop individually over the course of the season. Skating at the right level will increase puck touches and fun for each player, fostering a love for the game itself.

The process of level placement is based on

1. MN Hockey age group by birthdate (8U Major, 8U Minor, 6U Major, 6U Minor)
2. Skills evaluation scores

The preseason ice schedule includes clinic(s) that mirror the skill evaluation drills. We recommend every skater attend every assigned clinic so they can be familiar with the drills prior to the evaluation.

Scrimmages

Once all skills evaluations are complete, players will be assigned a scrimmage group. After the first scrimmage, players will be reassigned for a second scrimmage to ensure that all players are looked at equally by the evaluators. The scrimmages are used to create team parity within each level.

The first goal of the team division process is always to put players together by school. In order to create equal teams and depending on availability of coaches, some school divisions will be made.

Evaluators

The evaluators for each age group will be EHA coaches who do not have a skater on that level or coaches from outside the EHA program. All evaluators donate their time and are scheduled by the mite committee. If you are a coach interested in being more involved, consider volunteering as an evaluator.

Levels of Play

For the 2019/20 season, the Mite teams will be structured as follows:

Termites (born 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2015):

This is an in-house program for entry level boys and girls that will mirror the fundamental design of USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) with EHA enhancements. The primary ice times will be Saturday and Sunday mornings from October through March (60 minutes). Outdoor ice will be added as weather permits (one, 60-minute weeknight practice). Teams are formed based on school attendance and neighborhoods. Approximately 25-30 hours of ice.

- **Boys- 4 Teams**

Each team will be split into 3 mini teams to play cross ice games against other Termite teams.

- **Girls- 2 Teams**

Each team will be split into 3 mini teams to play cross ice games against other Termite teams.

Mite 1 (born 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2014):

Still fundamentally anchored in USA Hockey's ADM model (skills stations), practices transition to more skating, edge work, and repetition. Generally, ice times are Saturday and Sunday mornings, and an additional weeknight as Outdoor ice is added (weather permitting). Teams are formed based on school attendance and neighborhoods with team parity a secondary goal. Approximately 36-40 hours of ice.

- **Boys- 6 Teams**

This level will be run in a league format with teams playing in-house half ice games.

- **Girls- 2 Teams**

This level will play half ice scrimmages against the Boys Mite 1 teams and Girls 6U teams from other associations.

Mite 2 (born 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2013):

The ice time commitment averages 3 times a week, generally Saturday and Sunday, with one alternating weeknight ice time, plus outdoor ice (weather permitting). Approximately 50 hours of ice with a 3:1 practice to game ratio.

- **Boys- 6 Teams**

This level will be run in a league format with teams playing half ice games then transitioning to studio rink games after January 1st. There will be 10 league games and teams will participate in end of season playoffs.

- **Girls- 0 Teams**

There is no Girls Mite 2 level.

Levels of Play (cont.)

Mite 3 (born 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2012):

The ice time commitment averages 3 times a week, generally Saturday and Sunday, with one alternating weeknight ice time, plus outdoor ice (weather permitting). Approximately 50 hours of ice with a 3:1 practice to game ratio.

- **Boys- 6 Teams**

This level will be run in a league format with teams playing in-house games on a studio rink, transitioning to full ice after January 1st. There will be 10 league games and teams will participate in Quinn's Cup and end of season playoffs.

- **Girls- 2 Teams**

This level will play half ice and studio games against 8U Girls teams from other associations, transitioning to full ice after January 1st. Teams will participate in the Candy Cane Classic.

Mite 4 (born 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2012):

This level is designed for skaters who have shown strong skill progression and increased commitment level to hockey. The ice time commitment averages 3 times a week, generally Saturday and Sunday, with one alternating weeknight ice time, plus outdoor ice (weather permitting). Approximately 50 hours of ice with a 3:1 practice to game ratio.

- **Boys- 2 Teams**

Games and scrimmages will be scheduled with other associations. Half ice and studio before Jan 1st then transitioning to full ice. Teams will participate in Quinn's Cup.

- **Girls- 2 Teams**

Games and scrimmages will be scheduled with 8U Girls teams from other associations. Half ice and studio before Jan 1st then transitioning to full ice. Teams will participate in Candy Cane Classic.