

Nov 6, 2022 Email to Parents

With the Mini-Atom Sessions beginning next Sunday, November 13, we have one last chance to check out rental gear for your player!!

Monday - November 7

6:00-7:30pm

Scheels IcePlex on the Sanford Sports Complex

Please bring 2 checks made payable to SFYHA

1. Mini-Atom Rental fee is \$25
2. We require a deposit for the gear in the amount of \$200. The check is not cashed unless the gear is not returned at the end of the season.

Mini-Atom Coaches:

If you are interested in helping coach the Mini-Atoms, please complete the application <https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/beacoach>. Interested coaches will need to register with USA Hockey <https://membership.usahockey.com/>

Attached is a copy of the "Steps to Flyers Coaching". Mini-Atom Coaches will need to complete Steps 1-4. Director of Hockey, Coach Houck, is copied on this email if you have questions regarding coaching.

Watch for more updates for our youngest group before we begin at 3:15pm on Sunday - all 35 of them!!

Thank you

Nov 10, 2022 Email to Parents:

We are excited to start the 8th Season for our Mini-Atom 4 year old group! There are 37 Mini-Atoms who will be skating!! It is fun to see the second generation of Flyers registered as well siblings of current Flyers and all the new Flyers!! Welcome and we know you will have fun!

The Mini-Atoms first ice time is this Sunday, November 13 from 3:15-4:00pm at the Scheels IcePlex in the north Stampede Rink. This will be our regular ice time for the season. There will be no practice on Christmas Sunday, December 25, New Year's Day - January 1 or Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. Our last ice time of the season will be Sunday, February 26.

Information For You!

- Equipment - I have copied our Equipment Manager, Aaron Kompelien. Hopefully you all have secured rental gear if needed. If you wish to purchase your own gear, Hockey Headquarters has some used equipment. Each player will provide their own skates and stick. Make sure if you are buying skates for your player that you get them properly fitted. The kids will not need sticks at their first ice time. Coaches will provide information on stick length and curve vs no curve at our meeting on November 13.
- I will be at the rink prior to the first ice time with a jersey and water bottle for each player. Make sure to check in to receive your player's jersey.

- Please remember to have your child use the restroom before they get on the ice. This will minimize distraction and maximize our valuable ice time.
- Each Sunday we will have a snack and drink for each player. I have attached a signup sheet and I will have a signup sheet on Sunday for parents to pick their date and either drinks or snacks. If you are willing to do snacks or drinks on November 13 - please let me know.
- Coaches – Riley Block will be leading our coaches on the ice for our Mini-Atoms. We currently have Joe Doherty, Mike Gade, Mike Galliger, Matt George, Chris Johansen, Chris Koch, Josh McFarlane, Alexis Mee-Thue, Kaiya Wollman as Mini-Atom coaches.
- Pictures - We will be taking pictures for the Mini-Atoms. More details will be forwarded as available.
- Birth Certificates - If you have not submitted a copy of your child's government issued birth certificate, please bring copy on Sunday or scan and email to me.
- ***Parent Meeting – We will host a short parent meeting in the north end of the IcePlex lobby at the conclusion of the Mini-Atom ice time on Sunday, Nov 13.***

Look forward to seeing all of you at the rink on Sunday and please let us know if you have any questions!

Nov 19, 2022 Email to Parents

We hope your player had a great time last Sunday and looking forward to another session tomorrow!! It is our Smiling Hockey Player Day!! Picture Day!!

Pictures - Sunday – November 20, 2022

- 2:30pm Mini-Atoms – Last Name A-J Orange Jersey
- 2:50pm Mini-Atoms – Last Name K-Z Orange Jersey

Again this season, we are going to take off-ice pictures in the back conference room at the south end of the rink. We are doing all the “green screen”. There will be no picture packet handouts. The photographer will meld all players of a group to build a group photo. All players should be in full gear, except helmets and skates, wearing their orange jersey as noted. After all players' pictures have been taken and the group image is complete, you will receive an email from Define Who You Are – Chris Jefferis regarding the online ordering process. If you have a stick, please bring the player stick for pictures.

Couple of Reminders:

- Parents and others watching the Mini-Atom skates - we need to have you view from the mezzanine and not at rink level. Your player will do much better if you are not close by. Please keep an eye on your player. If the coach needs the parent to come to the ice, he/she will signal to the crowd above. Thank you!
- If you have not turned in a copy of your player's government issued birth certificate, please scan and return to me or drop in the red box near concessions tomorrow.
- Snacks & Drinks - I changed it up a bit and am asking families to sign up once - either for 37 snacks or 27 drinks. Please check the adjusted schedule if you had signed up. For those not yet signed up - please see highlighted slots and let me know which date you can bring either drinks or snacks.

- **Hageman, Soukup, Aukerman, Zieske** - We missed you last week. Please check the bulletin board for a bag tagged with your name to get your players jersey.

Please - if you have any questions - let us know!