



ST. CLOUD YOUTH HOCKEY - MITES

Welcome to the SCYHA youth hockey season!

The purpose of this letter is to cover a few points that will be important for you to know. First and foremost, the season begins with the first session of Skating Dynamics. It is VERY important that your child attends as many of the Skating Dynamics sessions as possible. We will begin working on various skating and stick handling skills that your child will be using throughout the season.

Skating Dynamics schedule-BE SURE TO MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!! Also, make certain to note the rink location of the Skating Dynamics sessions. Our Mites skate at both the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC) and the National Hockey Center (NHC), which includes the practice rink NHC-P and the main rink NHC-M. Please arrive at the arena for 1st dynamics session at least 45 minutes prior to your start time. This should allow adequate time to check in and take care of anything that needs to be completed prior to "taking the ice". There will be a table set up at the arena for check-in.

The following must be completed prior to getting on the ice.

- Completed registration (USA Hockey & SCYHA)
- Copy of child's birth certificate (only if first year SCYHA skater)

Your child should come equipped with the proper equipment for your child's safety. This includes:

- Hockey skates
- Hockey gloves
- Helmet, HECC certified, with face shield, chin pad and chin strap
- Shin Pads
- Mouth guard (may need to be trimmed)
- Elbow pads
- Protective cup or pelvic protector
- Breezers
- Throat protector (recommended but not required)
- Shoulder pads
- Youth/Junior size hockey stick (we can cut the stick to the correct length if needed at the first session)

Equipment rental is available if needed. There will be a minimal rental fee for the season of \$35, along with a \$100 refundable deposit. There are a limited number of sets, so these will be available on a first come, first served basis. The rental fee will be applied to maintaining this equipment, and providing additional equipment in following years. We will have an equipment checkout during the Family Fun Day at the MAC.

Please put your child's first name and last initial on a white piece of hockey tape on the front and back of the helmet. This aids the coaches in calling the kids by name. Mark your child's name on the equipment so it can be easily identified when it is misplaced. Hockey tape works great! Please do not permanently mark any rental equipment, only equipment you own.

After Skating Dynamics, team rosters will be formed. SCYHA provides jerseys for the players to keep. Team schedules will be posted by team on our website. There is a lot that goes into team formations; specific requests for a player to be on a team with another player may or may not be granted. Playing with different children gives your child an opportunity to make new friends and experience different coaching perspectives. All special team requests must be given to us in writing by HEP Testing.

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to coach our Mite skaters. We could still use several more volunteers. All coaches must be USA Hockey certified in order to get on the ice with the players and have a back ground check done by MN Hockey. SCYHA pays the cost for this certification for those persons who will coach with SCYHA. Coaching clinics are scheduled for St. Cloud. Level 1 is the minimum you need for the mite level. Please inquire for information on signing up. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Junior Mite – The junior mite program is for the first or second year mite skater who is better suited skating at this level to enhance their hockey skills. Second year skaters who possess skills to play in the mite program will not be placed in the junior mite program for the sole purpose of a cost saving. This level is geared toward the introduction of hockey for the beginning player with goals of teaching individual skating and hockey skills, team camaraderie and the excitement of playing the game.

REQUIRED Association Volunteer Hours: SCYHA members are required to volunteer at the MITE Level a minimum of 4 hours per family.

Association volunteer hours benefit the Association as a whole, not just a particular team. The hours worked for your team on game days do not count toward these hours. Information regarding volunteer opportunities will be available on the website.

Thank you for your support of the St Cloud Youth Hockey Association. If you know of anyone else interested in playing hockey, please help them register!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email. More information is also available on our website, at www.stcloudhockey.com-TEAMS-MITES