

Orono Youth Hockey Association
Mite/8U Girls and Under
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my child?

USA Hockey: Players must register with USA Hockey before registering with Orono Youth Hockey. Please go to USA Hockey to register. Your registration confirmation number will be required to complete your online registration with the Orono Youth Hockey Association.

Note: Players who played AAA this summer may have already registered with USA Hockey for the 2009-10 season. If this is the case, go to the USA Hockey website to obtain your player's confirmation number in their system.

Go to www.usahockeyregistration.com

- Click "Ice Players & Coaches" (If you are a coach, do not register online with USA Hockey during this player registration process)
- Check the box and click "Continue" if you are 18 or over
- Select the 2009-10 Season
- Follow the rest of the step-by-step process online, remembering to save your "confirmation number" as it will need to be input on this Orono Hockey registration system
 - **Note:** *The fee to register with USA Hockey is \$40 per player. A credit/debit card is required to do so.*

****You will then return to**
oronoyouthhockey.org and proceed to
registration

If you have a child that played last year in the Orono Youth Hockey program, you will need to

Register on-line via www.oronohockey.org.

Registration for returning players begins mid-July and you must be registered by the end of August so that you are not charged an additional \$50.00 late fee. If registered after August, you will receive a \$50.00 late fee.

If your child is new to the program, you will register on-line via www.oronohockey.org. Registration begins mid-July.

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

Generally a child needs to be 4 years old by July 1st of the current year. However, advanced 3 year olds may also register.

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

The Orono Youth Hockey program is a developmental program designed to teach all kids the sport of hockey. Skating is part of the skills taught. It is highly recommended that if your child cannot skate without coach/parent assistance they register for I-mites.

Do girls play with the boys?

Generally girls play with the boys through the Mini-Mite level. After Mini-Mites, girls can elect to join the U8 level or continue to play with the Mini-Mites.

How long does the season run?

Typically the season begins mid-October and runs through mid-March

Do I need to live in the Orono School District?

No, Minnesota Hockey requires that you “play where you go to school”. This means if you have a child that attends Orono schools they are eligible to play within the Orono Youth Hockey Association.

We cannot accept registrations from families if they do not have a child that attends Orono Schools. For more information please follow the link below.

<http://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/article/80470/29857>

All registration forms will be checked before being processed.

How often do they skate?

I-Mites skate an average of once per week. Typically they skate on Saturday’s (occasionally on Sunday instead of Saturday).

Mini-Mites skate on average twice per week. Typically they skate on Saturday and Sundays.

Mite and 8U skate on average twice per week. Typically they skate on Saturday and Sundays. They may also skate once during the week.

What equipment is required?

- ✓ Helmet (navy preferred)
- ✓ Breezers (navy preferred, no white stripes on the sides)
- ✓ Shin Pads

- ✓ Shoulder Pates (optional for I-Mites)
- ✓ Elbow Pads
- ✓ Mouth Guards
- ✓ Skates
- ✓ Stick
- ✓ Cup (optional for I-Mites and Mini Mites)

Recommended Equipment:

- ✓ Hockey Socks
- ✓ One Piece Cup (shorts with Velcro sock holders)
- ✓ Neck Guard
- ✓ Hockey Bad

One Goal is also available: Orono Youth Hockey Association is excited to participate in the ONE GOAL Hockey Equipment program by USA Hockey. This program was initiated to help encourage young players to participate in hockey without the expense of purchasing equipment.

Orono has 24 Equipment kits available for players new to Orono hockey. The kits are designed to fit youth 4-8 years old. Kits will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Kits include: shin pads, pants, elbow pads, shoulder pads, and helmets with masks.

Parents would need to purchase skates and a stick.

The equipment is of high quality. All equipment must be returned at the conclusion of the season.

If you are interested, please complete the application below and contact Tracy O'Connor at shannieoc@aol.com.

What level do I register my child? What are the fees?

Players must register according to their birth date as described on the registration information and below.

2009-2010 Levels of Play and Fees:

Level	Age	Total Fees
Mite	7/1/04-6/30/05	\$215.00
Mini-Mite	7/1/02-6/30/04	\$295.00
Mite	7/1/00-6/30-02	\$600.00
8U	7/1/00-12/31/03	\$520.00

Additional Fees:

\$150.00 Fall Fund Raising Fee (Fall Face Off)

\$40.00 registration for USA Hockey

The IP Director and the Level Coordinators may move a player up and down if necessary following the first ice session if it is determined the player would benefit in skill development in a different level of play.

What is the Fall Face Off (Fall Fund Raiser)?

The Fall Face Off is one of the association's biggest fundraisers of the year. In the past, the proceeds from this event were used to retire a note tied to the building, which was paid off last year. This year, 100% of the net proceeds can be targeted to provide a more direct benefit to our kids. In areas such as, skills training, equipment, goalie program enhancements, ice time cost reduction, coach's training and mite/8U and under program enhancement.

What are the different levels of play?

I-Mite is a learn-to- skate and introduction to hockey program. In the beginning two groups are formed, those that can skate with no assistance and those that need help. By the end of the season the group usually merges into one.

Mini-Mite's see a very significant spread in player skill level and therefore present unique challenges. To help develop individual skills, players are divided into 3-4 skill groups (upper, middle and lower) and practice with their group. This helps the coaches to teach the correct fundamentals according to the player's ability. Although players practice in their skill groups, teams are formed with players from each group. This allows for balanced teams when playing games.

Mites see a significant spread in player skill level and therefore the focus is on individual skill development during the first half of the season. Early games will be played on modified ice to replicate the "tight spaces". However, it is important that Mites get accustomed to skating the full length of the ice and develop a sense of team play (positioning, passing, etc). As such, the second half of the season will have more full ice games and will begin to emphasize "good ice habits" which are second nature to top hockey players.

8U girls are equivalent to Mites and therefore will be run similarly. As such, it is expected that there will be a significant spread in player skill levels and therefore will focus on individual skill development during the first half of the season. Early games will be played on modified ice to replicate the tight spaces. However, it is important that 8U's get accustomed to skating full

length of the ice and develop a sense of team play (positioning, passing, etc.). As such, the second half of the season will have more full ice games and will begin to emphasize “good ice habits” which are second nature to top hockey players.

What is the Refund Policy?

Mites/8U and lower levels will be given a full refund minus registration fees as long as notification is given by October 31st. Any notifications after November 1st will result in losing all fundraising fees, registration fees and a reimbursement of 80% of the ice fees. Any notifications after December 1st will result in no refund.

What payment options are available?

There are 2 payment options available.

1. You may pay the full registration amount at the time of registration.
2. You may pay 1/3 of your ice fees at the time of registration with the other 2 payments being due on October 1st and November 1st. Selecting this option adds \$20.00 to each player that elects the 3 payment option. Therefore, the initial fee includes 1/3 ice fee, a \$20.00 convenience fee and a \$20.00 registration fee.

Is financial Assistance Available?

Yes, Limited financial assistance is available. If you are interested in inquiring about assistance, please refer to the “financial assistance” link on the Orono Youth Hockey “home” page at www.oronohockey.org. Financial assistance requests are reviewed by the Orono Youth Hockey Executive Board.