



RYHA 2012-2013 Season Registration

September 11th & 12th
in Graham 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration Instructions for 2012-2013 season

Registration day in Graham 3
September 11th & 12th 2012, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Late registration in Graham Lobby
September 19th 2012, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

RYHA no longer uses paper registration forms

Online registration is open

If your player falls in one of the following groups:

- Bantams (ages 13,14)
- Pee wee (ages 11,12)
- Squirt (ages 9,10)
- Girls (10U, 12U, 14U) (ages 9-14)
- Girls City league (ages 7-14) (NOT Mites)

Register for USA Hockey (www.usahockey.com)
first and then RYHA (www.ryha.net) **second**.

**On Registration day bring the following to
Graham 3:**

- Printed copy of USA Hockey barcode.
- A complete printed copy of your email receipt from Rochester MN Youth Hockey. This email will contain all your player information and your receipt that shows whether you have paid online or unpaid.

If your player falls in one of the following groups:

- Termites (ages 4-6)
- Supermites (ages 7-8)
- Supermites trying out for Squirts (age 8)
- Supermites girls trying out for Girls 10U or above

Register for RYHA (www.ryha.net) **only**. You do not have to register for USA Hockey at this time.

NOTE: If your **supermite**, boy or girl, tries out for and makes a **squirt** or **girls** team you will need to register your player with USA Hockey, before he or she can be placed on a team roster.

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- A complete printed copy of your email receipt from Rochester MN Youth Hockey. This email will contain all your player information and your receipt that shows whether you have paid online or unpaid.

To register with RYHA, click on the registration link of the RYHA website. **If you were required to register with USA Hockey, you will need your USA member number.** After entering all the required information on the registration form, you will have the option to use your credit card and pay registration fees online.

You must come to Registration day at Graham 3 even if you paid online. Signs will direct you to the appropriate payment tables.

You must have a "PAID" stamp on your printed email receipt before visiting the coaches' tables for tryout information or they will not accept your entry forms.

A convenience fee will be assessed for using a credit card for payment. This fee is to cover the costs RYHA is charged when you use your credit card. See **fees** page on website.

Interested in Coaching Boys Hockey??

Anyone interested in being a head coach of a boys Bantam "AA" or "A", Pee-Wee "AA" or "A", Squirt "AA" or "A" team should contact Scott Schneider at Rookies1@live.com. Head coaches only.

Try-outs for Bantam level hockey start Sept 30th.
Pee wee level starts Oct 7th and Squirt development start date is planned for October 13th.



Arena Partners

The following businesses work with Rochester Hockey to pay for the Graham Arenas through charitable gambling. In addition to our hourly ice rental payments of \$170 per hour, Rochester Hockey contributes an additional \$144,000 per year to pay off the bond on the Graham Arenas. This money does not come from registration fees or the pizza fundraiser. The pull-tab operations at these establishments are dedicated to paying off the bond on the Graham Arenas. Without our partnership with these businesses, registration fees would have to be greatly increased.

Please patronize the establishments of our arena partners:

North Star Bar	Ron's Place
Kathy's Pub	Top Shots
3Ds Sports Bar	Colonial Lanes
Break Room	Mickey's Irish Saloon
Beetles Bar and Grill	CJs Midtown Lounge
Broadway Bar and Pizza	Big Brads on Broadway
	Wild Bills Sports Saloon
	Wicked Moose Bar and Grill
	Bears Den Sports Bar and Eatery
	Viking Lounge Sports Bar and Grill (Clarion Inn)

Termite/Super-Mite Hockey

The 2012-2013 Hockey season is approaching and it is time to unpack the hockey equipment to see if anything still fits after the summer growth spurt. The importance of proper fitting equipment cannot be stressed enough. The skates are probably not going to fit. It is hard enough to skate with proper fitting skates but it is virtually impossible to skate with poor quality skates that don't fit. The only way to ensure proper fit is to have the foot measured by a knowledgeable person that understands the sizing and proper fit of hockey skates. Skates are not sized the same as street shoes and can vary significantly from brand to brand. Rochester has several local

sporting good stores that sponsor our great sport. These people are experts in the proper fit and carry a wide selection of new and used equipment. Please take advantage of their expertise and try to purchase the best equipment in your budget.

On-line registration is now open at www.ryha.pucksystems2.com. Please go to the website and go to the MITE section to complete your player registrations. You can pay on-line or at the in-person registration that will take place September 11-12 at Graham Arena #3. **Please do not delete your registration after printing your forms. This will remove your player from the database and they will not be placed in a group.**

The Termite program is for players aged 4 – 6 years old. The Super-Mite program is for players aged 7 – 8 years old. Termite groups are formed based on age and number of years of skating experience. Super-Mites groups are formed by schools attended and also with consideration to neighborhoods. Group assignments will be finalized in late October with the first day of the season being Saturday November 3rd. All players will receive group assignments via the e-mail address provided on your player's registration account approximately 7-10 days prior to the start of the season. **Please provide an e-mail address at registration that you check regularly as this will be the primary method of communication!** There will be no sessions on the week-ends of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Holidays. The Jamboree dates are tentatively scheduled for March 9th for Termites and March 10th for Super-Mites however, ice scheduling conflicts could change these dates.

The youth hockey program constantly seeks additional volunteers that make the program a success. Please consider volunteering your time to help the program succeed this season.



Girls Hockey

For the 2012-2013 hockey season the girl's hockey program continues to evolve as our numbers shift and grow. The actual makeup of teams will be dependent on the actual number of returning players and new registrations. The girl's hockey advisory committee has met and determined that we plan to have teams at the following levels: 14UA, 14UB, 12UA, 12UB Red, 12UB Black, 10UA, 10UB and 3-4 Girls City League (GCL) teams.

Girls City League

Players in the GCL will generally be ages 7-10 but older players can play as well. GCL is intended to be a developmental/recreational program that plays all games in the Rochester area. I consider the GCL to be the foundation of girl's hockey in Rochester. This program allows girls to play with and against other girls and has been responsible for a significant part of the growth of the girls program. They get more ice than they would in supermites and they touch the puck much more than they would if they were playing with boys.

Depending upon numbers we will have either 3 or 4 teams. Development will follow the USA Hockey ADM program model where a lot of individual repetitions and skills stations will be emphasized. Much of the time will be dedicated to small area games where each player has the opportunity to make plays, get involved in the action and touch the puck.

Traveling Teams

Rochester is a member of District 9 and traditionally the district host girl's leagues for 12UB and 10UB and if the team numbers support it, then they host additional leagues. I attend a Minnesota Girls Hockey meeting in October and the representatives of the various Districts devise league cooperatives for the A levels and at 14UB level. Typically, our A teams have played in the highly competitive District 8 league but this will not be known until after our tryouts are complete. The 14UB level is typically a statewide league that plays a geography based (North/South) schedule. The 12UB Red and 10UB teams are expected to play in the District 9 league.

A number of families expressed a desire to play a competitive schedule but to limit the expense and travel associated with playing traveling hockey. In response to this we plan to have a 12UB Black team. This team will play a schedule against the squirt B teams and will arrange home and away games against 12UB teams.

Travel teams are selected on a tryout basis. Evaluators observe the tryouts and score the players based on individual skills and scrimmage skills. The level commissioners work with the evaluators to determine the number of players per team based on guidelines approved by the RYHA board. If overall skill levels or player registration numbers are greater than or less than anticipated then they will adapt as needed. Parents should not attempt to influence evaluators before or during tryouts and should refrain from discussing tryouts with them afterwards. Any questions or comments should be addressed to the level commissioner or the girl's hockey director.

Play Up Policy

Generally the players are expected to play in the age classifications established by Minnesota Hockey. Families that would like to have their daughter considered for move up to a higher classification must notify the Girls Hockey Director at least 2 weeks prior to tryouts so the Girls Hockey Advisory Committee can review the request. The committee will consider the short and long term needs of the program in addition to the individual needs of the requesting parties. Players should plan to attend the age appropriate tryout unless instructed otherwise.

Open Hockey

Graham Arena will be open for youth and high school open hockey during the month of September.

Call 281-6189 extension 3 for open hockey schedule information.





RYHA Novelties

Show your RYHA support both on and off the ice. Sweatshirts, shirts, hats and other RYHA apparel and novelties will be sold during hockey registration. Novelties will also be sold from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the Saturdays listed below, provided there are enough volunteers to help with sales.

Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Jan. 5
Jan. 12	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9

Only six volunteers are needed each weekend. Please sign up to be notified of volunteer opportunities either at hockey registration or contact Kristine Stensland at kkstensland@gmail.com. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the RYHA website.

Interested in Sponsoring a team?

Now is the time to consider your level of sponsorship. Arena dasher space is available; all dashers are covered with Lexan (plexi-glass) and remain vibrant and legible throughout the season. Team sponsorships are also available. Is your skater moving up to the next level? Do you want to sponsor the same team as previous years? Contact Kevin Meyers at Kbmey@charter.net with any questions or requests.

Help wanted: Advertising and sponsorship representative. Kevin Meyers is willing to work with and mentor anyone interested in taking on this role as he is looking to transition out of youth hockey after many rewarding years of volunteering. Contact Kevin at 507-254-4097.