

Woodland Park Hockey Association P.O.Box 5923 Woodland Park, CO 80866 www.woodlandparkhockey.com

# WPHA Mites - House Team Program for Ages 8 & Under Birth Years 2015-2020

### **Program Overview:**

Our Mite/Mini- Mite Program begins mid September and runs through the first of March, usually with a break starting at Thanksgiving and running until early January when we have ice at Meadowwood. This program is offered to kids of all abilities, from beginners to advanced skaters; we welcome them all and help them grow throughout the season as they experience being part of a team. We run much of the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) at this age level and focus more on the FUNdamentals of hockey rather than competition. Each season, we participate in 2-3 jamborees (tournaments) and attend/host individual games with other local hockey teams from programs in Colorado Springs, Monument, Pueblo and Victor. At this age, kids play cross and half ice games to increase repetition and get more puck touches. For players and families interested in a shorter season, we offer half sessions as well, each running for approximately 9 weeks. Each session offers the same number of practices, games, and the opportunity to play in a jamboree.

#### **Season Dates:**

Full Season: September 9 - November 19 and then January 6- March 3 (approx. 18 weeks)

Half Season 1: September 9 - November 19 (approx. 10 weeks) All practices hosted at Colorado Springs ice rinks.

Half Season 2: January 6 - March 3 (approx. 8 weeks) All practices hosted at MeadowWood Ice Rink in Woodland Park.

#### **Ice Sessions:**

1-3 sessions per week (practice and/or games). Sessions in September, October, and November are held at ice rinks in Colorado Springs. Once the ice is ready in Woodland Park, the ice sessions for the remainder of the season will be held at our outdoor rink at MeadowWood Sports Complex.

#### Games:

1 game every other week with additional jamboree games as scheduled.

#### **Practices:**

1-2 practices per week (60 minutes each) will consist of skills, drills, skating instruction, small-area games, learning activities and fun scrimmages.

# Cost:

- \$150 Full Season (\$75 due at the time of registration; balance is due according to the payment schedule chosen during online registration).
- \$75 Half Season (due at the time of registration). Season fee includes all practice/game ice fees (additional costs for jamborees), loaner team jerseys (or can purchase your own customized jersey), and socks.
- Tournament/jamboree fees are split between players and are the responsibility of each player (fees are \$30-\$60 per player per tournament) but the team may choose to fundraise to offset tournament costs.

## **Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available - visit our website and click on the documents tab for the most updated information about scholarship availability and deadlines to apply.