



RYHA REGISTRATION

Rochester Youth Hockey registration is open NOW! **Final day of registration will be August 30th**. There are two options to sign up. You can sign up online on the RYHA website or at in person registration August 29th and 30th at Graham Arena 3 from 6-8pm.

TRYOUT CHANGES FOR 2017-2018

In what has become common practice throughout youth hockey associations in Minnesota, RHYA will be closing tryouts at all levels starting this year. This practice is intended to reduce any additional pressure for the players and minimize distractions from outside the playing area. The tryout facilitators and evaluators will be the only ones allowed in the rink where the tryout is taking place. Parents should still plan to stay in the common areas of the rink during the tryout in case of issues such as injury or equipment problems and they will be able to assist their player in the locker room before the tryout starts if needed. All players must wear the assigned tryout jersey and neutral color or RYHA color socks for all sessions of the tryout (no AAA socks). All helmet stickers with the exception of RYHA must be removed from player's helmet prior to taking the ice for tryouts. No breezer shells will be allowed to be worn during the tryouts.

MITE PROGRAM JOINING RYHA

Starting with the 2017-2018 season the Mite hockey program will join Rochester Youth Hockey Association creating one association for all youth hockey in Rochester. They will also be included as part of USA Hockey so the Mite program will also receive the benefits and protection that USA Hockey provides. For players seven years of age and older there will be an additional fee from USA Hockey. Six and under register for free. The registration process on the RYHA website will be the same for all youth players.

-Tom Graham, RYHA President

-Robb Wiedrich, Mite Hockey Coordinator

COACHING CERTIFICATIONS AND REQUIRED EDUCATION

Starting with the 2017-2018 season coaches will be required to complete all of their requirements prior to the start of the season. In the past some requirements were not due until the end of December. Starting this season coaches will not be able to take the ice or be on the bench with their team until they have completed all USA and MN hockey requirements.