

THE AHYHA FAMILY WELCOMES YOU TO HOCKEY!

Being new to hockey can be an exciting and overwhelming adventure. However, the Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association is here to help at each stage!

The AHYHA is a family friendly, non-profit organization committed to safety, sportsmanship and excellence, representing the City of Andover, Minnesota in The State of Hockey.

We have designed this brochure to help answer some of the basic questions to get your family started and provide information to connect you with the right people in the AHYHA to help you each step of the way. Here are some of the questions we address inside:

Who can play hockey?

What equipment do we need to play hockey and where to buy it?

What is the time commitment for hockey?

Where will we practice/play?

OTHER QUESTIONS?

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WHO CAN PLAY HOCKEY?

Hockey is a sport for both boys and girls. The AHYHA offers 2 "beginner" programs to help get your skater started in the right direction.

JUNIOR HUSKIES

The Jr Huskies program is designed to introduce girls & boys, ages 3-8 to skating & hockey. We offer Fall and Winter 6 week sessions with 2 levels of play based on your child's skills; Beginner and Advanced. If your child has never played hockey before, their **first Session in the Junior Huskies Beginner Program is FREE!***

Sessions involve skating drills, tag games, races and challenges all designed to build confidence. Sessions are held at the Andover Community Center, and are conducted in a safe and friendly group setting.

Your child will need skates to participate in this program; we will provide the rest of the equipment at no cost! Jr Huskies is the affordable way to introduce hockey to your children before you invest in equipment or expensive ice programs! Come visit us online at www.AHYHA.com/JuniorHuskies..

MITE/8U

The AHYHA Mite Program is for children ages 4-9 (see Registration Guide on our website for exact birthdates).

Our Mite Program fosters skill development, healthy competition, sportsmanship, and team play. Our mission is to develop a "Tradition of Excellence".

MITE/8U LEVELS

The Mite Program offers four levels of play, A through D. Here is an approximate guideline for the different Mite levels:

"D" Mites – Beginner, cross ice hockey, typical ages 4-6, if you can skate at all, you can play "D" Mites

"C" Mites – Can do a hockey stop, can skate backwards, full ice hockey with goalies, typical ages 6-8

"B" Mites – A step up from "C" Mites, typical are 2nd and 3rd graders

"A" Mites – "Elite" Mites, typically the top 3rd graders

"8U" – This is our all girls team. Typically, girls play one year of Mites before joining the 8U team. Girls are welcome to play with the boys at any level of Mites if they prefer.

Please keep in mind this is only an approximate guideline. Every child is different and will progress at different levels. For the Mite level, you will need to supply all hockey equipment.

WHERE WILL WE PRACTICE/PLAY?

Our Jr. Huskies players will have all of their sessions at the Andover Community Center.

Mite/8U teams practice at Andover Community Center, Schwan's Super Rink in Blaine and local outdoor rinks when conditions are appropriate. Mite/8U games will be held at Andover Community Center as well as at other arena's within our association (close to home).

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR HOCKEY?

The Jr. Huskies Beginner Program is a 30-40 minute session and the Advanced Program is a 60 minute session. Both last 6 weeks.

The Mite/8U level, follows the regular hockey season starting in October and typically goes through March. Depending on the level your child plays you can count on anywhere between 2-4 practices or games per week.

Practices are usually an hour and games vary depending on the level. All teams participate in at least one Jamboree (a local non-competitive "tournament"). Please note that this is only a guideline and every team/season is different.

WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?

There are several places you can get youth hockey equipment. Again, the Junior Huskies Program provides equipment accept for skates. For Mites/8U, if your child has never played hockey before the AHYHA will pay for your child's equipment .

Just visit www.AHYHA.com/NewToHockey.



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