

PLAYER GEAR

Hockey gear for most mite skaters can be rented for \$50 for the winter hockey season. Gear must be returned in good condition at the end of the season. If a skater has some of their own equipment, individual pieces may also be rented during the season depending on availability. There will be a waiver and rental agreement for all rented gear.

Available rental gear from TYH includes:

- Helmet
- Chest Protector
- Elbow Pads
- Breezers
- Shin Guards
- Practice Jersey

Parents will be responsible for purchasing the following:

- Skates
- Stick
- Hockey socks
- Mouth guard
- Jock/Jill (supporter/cup for boys & girls)

This equipment can be purchased at Pure Hockey, Dicks Sporting Goods or Play It Again. Also check the Tornado Youth Hockey Buy/Sell/Equipment Swap Facebook page. Brian Knutson is the equipment coordinator and you can reach him at brian.knutson@gmail.com.

NOTE! The goal of the rental program is to help keep the cost associated with hockey down for families who are just starting out. The rental equipment program's focus will be on the 6U families and 8U families. Most of the equipment that we have available is Youth-sized. Very limited larger sizes are available for older kids and this equipment will be available at pick up events on a first come first served basis. Squirt players should not expect to have rental gear in their size. Gear must be returned at the completion of the regular season to equipment manager.

PLEASE NOTE: fitting for equipment will take place before the first practice. Please come a few minutes early.

EQUIPMENT/GEAR - INFORMATION FROM USA HOCKEY

EQUIPMENT & HOW TO DRESS YOUR YOUTH HOCKEY PLAYER

Selection of hockey equipment is a key issue for players, parents, and coaches. When purchasing and fitting hockey equipment, remember two important factors: 1) make certain the player is adequately protected and 2) be sure the fitting allows freedom of movement so the player can properly perform the necessary skills. By carefully considering these two factors, your child will be more comfortable and will have more fun playing hockey.

Skates – Purchase skates that will fit your child today with no more than ½” allowed for growth. Seek adequate protection in the ankle, toe and instep areas, improperly fitted skates will hamper your child’s ability to skate.

Helmet – Must be of a design and construction approved by the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC). Must be sized at the time of purchase to fit properly. The chin strap must always be fastened.

Facemask – Must be of a design and construction approved by the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC).

Neck Laceration Protector - this also must carry the HECC certification and is required for anyone on the ice under 18 years of age, including referees.

Mouthpiece –A mouthpiece to be worn and used properly for all youth players through the Junior age classification.

Stick – Length should generally extend from the ice to the players chin (with skates on). Quality and price differ greatly, so the choice is yours.

Shin Pads – Check for proper lengths so they protect the knee and skin completely.

Supporter and Cup – Essential protective equipment.

Gloves – Check for proper fit with good finger and hand mobility.

Shoulder Pads – Adjust to fit the individual at the time of purchase. A fiber cap is extremely important in preventing shoulder separations and should extend to the tip of the shoulder.

Pants/Breezers – Held in proper position by suspenders. Pants provide protection for the lower spine, hips, and thighs.

Elbow Pads – Properly fitted so they do not slide.

GOALIE GEAR

TYH encourages all skaters to try goalie and would like to be able to support all of our goalies as they grow with our program. We currently have most gear in storage and will be updating our inventory. Committed goalies at the bantam level renting gear must provide their own helmet and stick. Connect with Steve Stoczynski at stozer1@hotmail.com for gear rental. There will be a waiver and rental agreement for all rented gear.

For goaltenders, special equipment is necessary such as a glove and blocker, chest and stomach protection, goalie skates, knee pads, leg pads, a goalie neck guard, and a goalie jock/jill. The goaltender's equipment is especially important, so seek advice from a knowledgeable source. Our goalie coaches are more than willing to help outfit your interested player.