

MWHA Mite Hockey Registration Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration open?

Registration for mite hockey opens on August 19th. The mite season starts October 27th for all levels. Late registrations are allowed.

How old does my child have to be to play hockey (2018-19 season)?

Children must be four years old by June 30, 2018 (boys and girls welcome).

Does my child have to know how to skate to start hockey?

No. The MWHA Mite program is a developmental program designed to teach all kids the fundamental skills necessary to play the game of hockey, as well as the elementary concepts of the game itself. Skating is the most fundamental of these skills and a major focus of the entire Mite program.

How long does the season run?

The season runs late October through the first weekend of March.

How often do they practice?

- Mite White: Two indoor practices per week on weekends (Saturday & Sunday).
- Mite Black: Two indoor practices every weekend (Saturday & Sunday).
- Mite Red: Three indoor sessions per week; two one-hour practices every weekend (Saturday & Sunday) and typically a one-hour session on Wednesday nights.

What are the steps to complete registration?

- 1 – Register your player with USA Hockey (<https://www.usahockeyregistration.com>)
- 2 – Using your USA Hockey Registration number, register your player with MWHA (www.westonkahockey.org)
- 3 – First year players only – submit a copy of your birth certificate to the MWHA Registrar or Mite Manager

Who do they play games against?

- Mite White: All Games will be played in-house (Cross-ice games)
- Mite Black: Games will be played both in-house and against other associations (Half-ice games)
- Mite Red: Teams will participate in a district 3v3 league, and play additional six 5v5 full-ice games beginning in January. (Half-ice & full-ice games)

At what Mite level do I register my child?

All Players will register for the Mite Program. Players will be evaluated and placed into the appropriate level based on skills as determined at evaluations the first weekend of practices.

Does mite hockey cost the same at all levels?

No. Although all players register as a “Mite”, level placement after evaluations will determine total cost and if your player is placed in the Black or Red level, you will be billed for the additional cost. (Total cost for each MWHA mite level: White = \$99, Black = \$300, Red = \$500)

Do I need the players’ birth certificate in order to register?

Yes. According to USA Hockey rules we cannot complete a registration without a copy of the players’ official birth certificate. Hospital or baptismal certificates cannot be used.

If you registered your child with MWA last year and submitted their birth certificate, we will have that birth certificate on file. If you are new to the program, USA Hockey requires us to get and retain a copy of the child's birth certificate before processing the registration forms.

Can I help coach my child's team?

Yes, as long as you complete the required steps to become certified as a mite coach through USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and MWA. You will also need to register as a coach on the Westonka Hockey Website and complete the certification steps before you can take the ice with your child.

Will my child have practice at the same times every week?

No. MWA has access to two different sheets of ice at two locations, spread across many different teams at many different age levels. Your child specific schedule will be communicated to you one month in advanced via the www.westonkahockey.org website calendar.

Equipment requirements

- Certified Helmet -recommend Black
- Shin pads
- Elbow pads
- Mouth guard
- Skates
- Stick
- Cup or pelvic protector (w/ Velcro shorts to hold up the hockey socks)
- Breezers /Hockey pants - recommend Black
- Shoulder pads
- Gloves
- Hockey socks and jerseys (Team Jerseys and Socks will be provided in mid-November)

