

Hanover Hockey: Options for Current Mite-Age (2013-2018 birth year) Players

Birth Year	Level Next Year	Options
2012-2013	10U / SQUIRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel 10U Squirt (co-ed, requires a tryout) • Girls U10 Travel
2014-2015	8U / MITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to Play • Wild Mites • Travel Mites
2014-2016	8U / MITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to Play • Wild Mites
2017-2018	8U / MITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to Play

Learn to Play Wild:

Birth years: 2014-2018

Schedule: one hour each on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Season: two separate 9-week sessions (late October to December, December to March).

All LTP players generally have enough skating ability to balance on their skates and move forward on the ice. This program is for all players ages 4-8 (as of December 31, 2022) with limited or no previous hockey experience. Many children participate in the LTP program for two years, particularly younger skaters. The on-ice sessions will feature an active, clinic-style approach with lots of hands-on coaching and instruction.

House Mites:

Birth years: 2014-2016

Schedule: one hour each on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Season: end of October through March.

This program is for players who have played at least one year of Learn to Play AND will be 6 years old by December 31, 2022. The program is designed so that players can spend multiple years in House Mites. Players 8 and under should consider a second year in the House Mite program before moving to travel hockey. The House Mite program develops skills through clinic-style practices and then transitions to a combination of practices and in-house games. 10U aged players who need an additional year or two of skills development before considering travel hockey may be permitted to participate in this program as well. Players are divided into equal teams that play against each other with some local games against other house mite teams later in the season.

8U (Travel Mites):

Birth years: 2014-2015

Schedule: 1 practice (possibly 2) during the week and 1-2 skates (games and/or practices) on the weekend

Season: October 1 through March

A group of teams open to players who have participated for at least one year in the House Mite program. *Registrations for this group will open in spring of this year.* Depending on registration numbers, players will be placed onto multiple teams based on HHA's placement process in the spring and will play against each other as well as against local/regional competition. For most of the season, one of the weekly sessions is a targeted skills clinic and the other is a team practice emphasizing small area games targeted to develop skills and build enjoyment of the game. Weekends will include additional practices, in-house games, and/or travel games throughout New Hampshire and possibly Vermont and Maine.

10U (Squirts):

Birth years: 2012-2013

Schedule: 2 practices during the week plus skills sessions (Oct.-Dec.) and approximately 30 weekend games and 1-2 weekend tournaments

Season: October 1 through March

A group of teams open to players with significant hockey experience. The number of registered players will determine the number of teams, and players will be placed according to the HHA placement process in the spring. The 10U teams typically play in the Granite State League (GSL) and will play in the GSL season-ending tournament if they qualify.

Girls U10:

Birth years: 2012-2013

Schedule: 2 practices during the week plus skills sessions (Oct.-Dec.) and approximately 25 weekend games and 1-2 weekend tournaments

Season: October 1 through March

A girls-only team open to players with a range of hockey experience. This is a program for girls who are interested in the greater demands of travel hockey but prefer to play on an all-girls team.

Questions: Please feel free to contact Tracy Purcell, Initiations Coordinator, at hha.learntoplay@gmail.com