

# Mini-Atoms - Set to Start Sunday, November 16!!

Email – November 8, 2025

We're excited to kick off the **11th season** of our **Mini-Atom (4-year-old)** program! This year, we have **26 Mini-Atoms** taking the ice (as of today)—including siblings of current Flyers and many new faces. Welcome to all—it's going to be a great season!

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## Season Details

**First Ice Time:** Sunday, November 16 | 3:15–4:00 PM

**Location:** Scheels IcePlex — Please check the **Rink Assignment Screen** at the entrance for your rink and locker room details.

**Regular Ice Time:** Sundays, 3:15–4:00 PM

**Season Ends:** Sunday, March 1

**No Practice:** December 28 (holiday break) and February 8 (Super Bowl Sunday)

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## Equipment Information

**FINAL Rental Gear Checkout:** Tuesday, November 11 | 6:00–7:30 PM at the IcePlex

To rent gear, please bring **two checks**—one for the rental fee and one for the deposit. (The deposit check will be destroyed once gear is returned in good condition.)

If you're unable to attend, please contact our Equipment Coordinators:

- **Aaron Kompelien:** [equipment@sfflyers.com](mailto:equipment@sfflyers.com)
- **Jeremy Fuller:** [acecompaniesllc@gmail.com](mailto:acecompaniesllc@gmail.com)

Each player will need their **own skates, stick, and HECC-certified neck laceration protection**, as these items are **not included** in the rental gear. (*Sticks are not required for the first two weeks.*)

## Equipment Tips:

- Label the front of your player's helmet with **their first name using hockey tape**.

- Coaches will hold a **stick-fitting session** at the first practice where sticks are required. For this age group, a **straight-blade stick** is recommended. (*YouTube is a great resource for learning how to properly tape a stick.*)
- **Skate Fit Tip:** Hockey skates usually fit **one size smaller** than your player's regular shoes. If you are purchasing hockey skates for the first time, be sure to visit a pro shop to ensure the best fit.
- Local gear options: **Pure Hockey** and **Scheels**.

**Helpful Link:** [How to Dress a Hockey Player \(Video\)](#)

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### **First Day Details – Sunday, November 16**

Please arrive early to **check in, pick up your player's jersey**, and allow extra time to get dressed.

Make sure your player uses the **restroom** before gearing up!

We recommend watching from the **mezzanine** or **away from the glass or ice entrances**. Spectating from the **bench area is not allowed**.

It can be tough for our youngest skaters to stay focused when parents are nearby—please give them space to build confidence and independence. However, we ask that you do stay and keep an eye out in case your player needs help exiting the ice at any time during practice.

After practice, we'll hold a **brief parent meeting** in the **north end of the IcePlex lobby**.

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### **Snacks & Drinks**

Each Sunday, families will come together to provide a **snack and drink for every player**.

Please sign up below to bring either a snack or drink during the season:



[Snack & Drink Signup Sheet](#)

*(I'll provide snacks and drinks for the first practice so everyone can focus on their player.)*

Please plan to provide for **30 players** in case of last-minute additions. If each family signs up to bring at least one snack or drink, we'll have plenty to go around—and very few people will need to bring something twice!

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## Coaches

Our **2025–26 Mini-Atom Coaching Team** includes:

**Head Coach:** Raegan Klein

**Assistant Coaches:** Chad Barutt, Pat Divjak, Mike Galliger, Amanda Miller, Brandon Miller, Tim Muilenberg, and Justin Feuerstein

We're so grateful for their time and enthusiasm in helping our youngest Flyers learn to skate and have fun!

If you're interested in joining the coaching team and don't see your name listed above, please contact [Cherry.Hunter@sfflyers.com](mailto:Cherry.Hunter@sfflyers.com).

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## Housekeeping Items

If you have **not yet provided a birth certificate** for your player, please do so as soon as possible.

You can either:

- **Email a copy** to [Cherry.Hunter@sfflyers.com](mailto:Cherry.Hunter@sfflyers.com), or
  - **Drop off a copy** in the “**red box**” located in the IcePlex lobby (*it's large—you can't miss it!*)
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We can't wait to see all our Mini-Atoms hit the ice on **Sunday, November 16 at 3:15 PM!**

Please reach out if you have any questions before then.

## See you at the rink!

Clair Barutt

Mini-Atom League Coordinator

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association