



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 20 - Parent Info Meeting

Sept 12 - Coaches Info Meeting

Dear MWA Mite Parents and Players,

Thank you for your interest in the MWA's Mite Hockey Program. This program is designed to introduce new skaters to the game of hockey as well as progressively develop and challenge skaters through third grade all while having fun. This season is gearing up to be action-packed with games, Mite Olympics, and Jamborees. Please be sure to read the entirety of this letter as there will be new information for returning families and important dates to note.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Build passion, excitement and love for the game of hockey
- Develop foundational hockey skills through skills progression
- Teach life lessons to our kids (team work, dedication, accountability, work ethic, etc.)
- And most importantly, Have Fun!!!

SKILL PROGRESSION PHILOSOPHY

We believe that in order to have successful hockey players in our program and maintain a high level of competition we must implement a skill progression/development philosophy at our Mite level. Players must master the basic skills before they can move to the next level. The Mite level will be focused on individual skill development with game play taking a back seat. It is imperative to teach and foster the basic hockey skills necessary for these young players to make a successful transition to the traveling program. The skills needed for each of the Mite levels can be found on the MWA website.

MWA MITE LEVELS

Based on age and skill evaluations, players will be placed in the proper Mite level. The table below gives the breakdown of the newly redeveloped levels and the typical age range found at that level. This year, like the previous, we will be calling our three levels White, Black and Red. The white level is for players new to hockey and will learn the most basic of skills. The black level is our intermediate level typically for our 3rd and 4th year players. The red level is our advanced program typically for our 4th and 5th year players. **All 3rd graders will have the option to play at the red level this year regardless of where they evaluate.**



Age	Mite White	Mite Black	Mite Red
Pre-School (Born on or After July 1, 2014)	All	-	-
Kindergarten (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)	Beginner-Advanced	Advanced (Based on Numbers)	-
1 st Grade (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)	First year skaters - Beginner	Intermediate - Advanced	Advanced (Based On Numbers)
2 nd Grade (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)	-	First year skaters & Beginner	Intermediate - Advanced
3 rd Grade (July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011)	-	First year skaters (Option)	Beginner-Intermediate
Program Cost	\$99	\$300	\$500

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

All mite players within MWA will be evaluated to not only determine their level to play, but also make the teams as equal as possible. The MWA Mite hockey evaluation follows the Minnesota Hockey HEP program. The scoring will be as objective as possible but ultimately up to the discretion of the evaluators.

COACHING

If you know you would like to coach in the upcoming season for your player's team/level – either as a head coach or assistant please be sure to register on the Westonka Hockey Website, under the coach's registration tab. A coaches meeting will be held **September 12th from 7-8pm, at Thaler Ice Arena** to discuss the upcoming season and required training necessary to become a coach. For parents who would like to learn more about becoming a coach, I encourage you to attend this meeting as well. We need many helping hands on the ice to make this season successful.

PARENT INFO NIGHT

Lastly, there will be an informational meeting held on **August 20th at 6:30 – 7:30pm** at Thaler Ice Arena. We will discuss the registration process and pricing, the Mite program structure, the schedule, volunteering and parent commitment, and answer any questions.

See you at the rink!!!

Tim Cline & Matt Hoese

Co-Mite Coordinators