

**PITTSBURGH LITTLE YETIS
MITE U8 ADM
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
GUIDE 2026-2027**



Since 1994, the Butler Valley Youth Hockey Association (BVYHA) has been providing the region's youth with fun and competitive experiences. The organization has always been committed to nurturing the growth of ice hockey in an environment that promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork and fun

Starting in the 2020-2021 season, the BVYHA has joined forces with the Pittsburgh Hockey Academy, PHA Icemen and the management of the Frozen Pond Arena. There will now be two groups known as the PHA Icemen and the Pittsburgh Yetis (formerly BVYHA). The Pittsburgh Yetis will continue to be proud members of PAHL (Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League). The PHA Icemen will play in the NAPHL (North American Prospect League) as well as an independent AAA schedule.

The Pittsburgh Yetis field ice hockey teams for boys and girls of all skill levels and ages, starting with the developmental Little Yetis U8 Mites (ADM) level up to the Under 18.

FROZEN POND ARENA YOUTH HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT ROAD MAP

This chart was developed to explain the development path of ice hockey at Frozen Pond Arena. We welcome the opportunity to help you and your family have the best possible youth hockey experiences. We also offer clinics, camps, private lessons through out the year for player(s) looking to refine their skills and gain the competitive advantage. Please direct questions to: Dean Whittingham – Director of Hockey Operations– info@frozenpondarena.com

LEARN TO SKATE	LITTLE PENS	LEARN TO PLAY	LITTLE YETIS	PITTSBURGH YETIS	PHA ICEMEN
 <p>LEARN TO SKATE POWERED BY PITTSBURGH HOCKEY ACADEMY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 4 to 8 Sessions start in Sept and Jan This program will develop preliminary coordination & strength to move around on the ice while building skating confidence. No prior skating experience Program Director - Levi Rodgers PHA <p>NEXT PROGRAM Little Pens or Learn To Play</p>	 <p>LITTLE PENGUINS POWERED BY PITTSBURGH HOCKEY ACADEMY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 4 to 8 Starts beginning of January and runs through February Introduction to hockey Free equipment provided by the Pens Program Director - Levi Rodgers PHA <p>NEXT PROGRAM: Little Yetis Mite U8</p>	 <p>LEARN TO PLAY POWERED BY PITTSBURGH HOCKEY ACADEMY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 4 to 8 Sessions start in Sept, April, July Must have participated in Learn To Skate and/or Little Pens Program will continue to develop the skills necessary to play hockey – skating, passing, shooting and stick handling Program Director - Levi Rodgers PHA <p>NEXT PROGRAM Little Yetis</p>	 <p>LITTLE YETIS MITE U8 HOCKEY PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 4 to 8 Evaluations in April Season runs from September to February The objective of this stage is to refine fundamental movement skills and begin to acquire basic sports skills. This is achieved by utilizing USA Hockey's ADM model of cross-iced games and station based practices. One practice and one cross ice game per week Program Director - Levi Rodgers PHA <p>NEXT PROGRAM Pittsburgh Yetis</p>	 <p>PITTSBURGH YETIS TRAVEL HOCKEY PROGRAM (PAHL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 9 to 18 Teams from U10 to U18 Tryouts in April Season starts in the fall and wraps up in the spring competing locally in the PAHL (Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League) On-ice training starting mid-August. Professional power skating & skills Professional goaltending instruction 	 <p>PHA ICEMEN TRAVEL HOCKEY PROGRAM (AA/AAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGES 13 to 18 Teams from U14 to U18 Tryouts in April For players that want to pursue hockey in college and beyond. National bound teams that compete in the NAPHL and aim to compete in state and national USA hockey championships at Tier 1 & 2 Play against top teams in North America. On-ice training starting mid-August. Professional coaching Weekly professional power skating, skills and goaltending instruction.
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PROGRESSION					

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Little Yetis U8 Mite (ADM) development program will follow the guiding principles of USA Hockey's **American Development Model** for the Mites U8 age group. This means practices will be station based, small area games to provide the players with as much skill development as possible in a fun environment. All games will be cross – ice games. USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) is an athlete-centered, coach-enhanced, administrator-supported framework that aims to help all individuals realize their athletic potential and utilize sport as a path toward an active and healthy lifestyle.

For the 2026-2027 season, The Pittsburgh Little Yetis Mite U18 (ADM) program intends on having Red, White, and Blue level teams.

HOCKEY INSTRUCTION

Coach Levi Rodgers will continue to be the Mite U8 (ADM) Program Director and Head Instructor.

Levi grew up in the local area and played for the Butler Valley Dawgs for over seven years.

Over the last eleven years, Levi has provided Power Skating and Skills Instruction at Frozen Pond Arena, as well as serving as the Mite U8 ADM director and Skills Development coach for Pittsburgh Yetis.

Under his tutelage he has helped many kids reach their potential through private lessons and camps.

Over the last few years, eight of his prior students represented Pennsylvania in the prestigious international Brick Tournament in Canada, and had a former pupil break onto the NHL scouting report and commit to playing NCAA DIV 1 hockey for Brown University.

His diverse coaching experiences range from working with first time novice skaters through AAA level players, with ages spanning from 3-18 years old. Coach Levi is also the Head Instructor for the Learn-To-Skate, Little Pens and the Learn-To-Play programs at Frozen Pond Arena.

“As a skills development coach, obviously one of my main focuses is to help kids excel while on the ice, but to me, it's most important to help raise each player's love and passion for the game, while instilling fundamental life lessons that will transfer to their off-ice success.”

2026 – 2027 PITTSBURGH LITTLE YETIS MITE U8 ADM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BIRTH YEARS: 2018 & YOUNGER

FEES	Teams Planned:	Red, White, & Blue Levels
	Registration / Evaluation Fee:	\$75
	Season Fees:*	\$1,150 to \$1,350
	Commitment Fee (deducted from season fee balance):	\$200
	Payment Plan Option (commitment fee + 5 installments over the course of the season):	7 Installments
	Is there Individual & Team fundraising available?	Yes (see fundraising section)
	Organizational Fundraising (doubles as Individual Fundraiser):	\$125 (see fundraising section)
	Apparel/Uniform Package: Game Jersey, Game socks:	\$75 to \$125
	Additional Apparel Items Available: Yetis hockey bag, team jacket	Available - a' la carte
	Team Fund Estimate: (covers tournaments)	\$200 to \$250
PRACTICES & TRAINING	Summer Practices included (June through Aug):	Approximately 10 sessions
	Regular Season Practices (Skill Development Based): 2 per week (Sept - Feb)	1 Weekday & 1 Weekend
	Same Practice Slot Every Week:	Yes
GAMES & TOURNAMENTS	Game Schedule Format:	PAHL Jamborees & Tournaments
	PAHL Games Schedule (Oct - Feb):	6 to 8 Total Jamborees
	PAHL Home Jamborees at Frozen Pond Rink:	3 to 4 Jamborees
	PAHL Away Jamborees at other local rinks:	3 to 4 Jamborees
	Tournament Schedule (Sept - Feb): Not included in Season Fees	2 to 5 Tournaments
	Local Tournaments determined by Organization & Team:	2 to 3 Tournaments
	Out of Town Tournaments determined by Organization & Team: (examples: Youngstown, Erie, Harrisburg, etc.)	1 to 2 Tournaments

**Summer skill development sessions will be organized and ran by
Mite U8 Head Instructor – Levi Rodgers.**

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The Little Yetis Tuition fees cover expenses incurred for practices, pre-season games, league games. This includes ice-time, professional instruction and regular season jamboree fees. Tuition fees do not cover uniforms (jerseys, socks, etc.), equipment or team fees for tournaments.

Uniform & Equipment Costs

Uniform and player equipment costs are not included in tuition. The required Little Yetis Uniform is 1 Jersey & 1 pair of socks.

All payments will be handled by Snap!Spend an online payment processing company. You may either link your credit card for payments or utilize the ACH withdrawal system which takes directly from your checking account.

Discounts and Refund Information

No goalie discounts apply at the U8 age group.

Multiple Player Family Discounts

- One (1) \$200 discount will be given per family with (2) two players skating for the Yetis teams.
- Family with “three” siblings playing on any Yetis teams shall receive a 7.5% discount off tuition (after goalie discounts if applicable).
- Family with “four” siblings playing on any Yetis teams shall receive a 10% discount off tuition (after goalie discounts if applicable).

Notes: Players must live in the same household to qualify for the multiple player discounts.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Fundraising throughout the year helps the Yetis to keep tuition costs and expenses low.

The opportunities offered benefit the individual hockey players, the team, and the organization.

Fundraising opportunities this year will include:

- Individual Fundraisers: Raffle Ticket Sales*
- Individual Fundraisers to Reduce Tuition: Aramark program
- Team Fundraisers: Sales and events to be determined (hoagie sales, cookie dough sales, etc)

*The Raffle Tickets are purchased by the player at the beginning of the year at a cost of \$125 (\$2.50 per ticket), then sold by the player before the raffle for \$5 per ticket, resulting in a profit for the player of up to 100% of the cost!

Social events will be considered and participation will be optional. Example: Night at the Races. More information to follow.

EVALUATIONS

The Pittsburgh Little Yetis will hold evaluations at the Frozen Pond Arena, located in Valencia, PA.

Pittsburgh Little Yetis U8 Mite ADM Evaluation Dates & Times		
DATE	START TIME	END TIME
Initial Evaluation TBD	Visit website for details	
Final Evaluation End of August		

Evaluation Registration

- Our registration system is provided by Sports Engine. You must have a Sports Engine ID and password to access our registration system. If you are a returning player, you will need to retrieve your ID and password from last year. If you are new to the Yetis, you may need to create a new ID and password.
- **Obtain a 2026-2027 USA Hockey number after April 1st at www.usahockeyregistration.com.**
- With your USAH number, go to www.yetisicemen.com and click on the Try Out tab along the top of the menu bar, select Yetis (PAHL, B-AA) and follow the instructions for registration. All players will pay by credit card or ACH withdrawal for tryouts. All players must register via the website – all payments must be made prior to taking the ice on the initial evaluation night. Snap!Spend is the system by which the Yetis accept all payments. Please set up your account through the provided link on our website and through the tryout process.

Evaluation registration Fees

All prior Season balances must be paid in full before a player may be permitted to join the program.

- A non-refundable \$75.00 evaluation registration fee paid online prior to first day of evaluations.
- \$200.00 commitment fee will be paid online via credit card or bank account (ACH) with evaluation registration. The commitment fee will be charged a few days prior to the start of your players evaluation date. The commitment fee will be refunded if you decline your position in the program within 48 hours after receiving a commitment confirmation email.

Day of Evaluations

- Must have registered online and paid the registration fee prior to the first day of evaluation.
- Registration fee is non-refundable.
- Arrive 60 minutes prior to your tryout time to check in and change.
- Make sure to bring both one (1) white and one (1) dark jersey to every session.
- Jerseys must be unmarked—no names and no logos.
- You will be given a bib number to be used at evaluation. Place the number on the assigned jersey color to be worn for evaluation. **Please retain this number as this is how your player will be referenced throughout the evaluation process**

All Pittsburgh Little Yetis payments will be collected online through Snap!Spend. Fees are to be submitted via Credit Card or Bank Account (ACH). Payments for the season can be made in full or seven monthly payments (plus commitment fee) from June to December. Snap!Spend does charge fees for credit card processing. If you set up payments via your bank account, you will not incur any additional processing fees.

After Evaluations

- An email will be sent after the initial evaluation date for your commitment or decline as a player along with a link to set up your tuition payments.

Who to Contact

If you have any questions or concerns during the evaluation process, please contact one of the following individuals:

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