**Yeti League- 8U and 10U**

Two sessions are available: October-December or/and January-March.

Games will be played half-ice to align with age appropriate development.

There will be 6 games a session with 1 hour ice time. Additionally each session will have playoffs which consists of two 30-40 minute games.

Practice schedules are dependent on when ice rink opens, but average 12-16 times a session.

Each team will have at least USA hockey certified coach. Only certified coaches are allowed on the bench.

For Pricing, Rental Gear, Schedule, and Registration, see affiliate organization website:

Flathead Valley Hockey Association, Kalispell [https://www.flatheadflames.org/]

Glacier Hockey Association, Whitefish [http://www.glacierhockey.org/]

**For Parents – Why Yeti?**

* Increase skill development. Better hockey fundamentals and more creativity.
* Increased ice time due to smaller team size - even without the out of town travel to games, with a smaller roster per team, your player will have twice as much ice time per game.
* More puck touches and participation for every level of player.
* Adjust the size of the skating surface in relation to size of the participant.
* Grow the great sport of hockey! Retain kids who would otherwise drop-off due to exponential cost/travel/weekend commitment associated with travel hockey.
* Provide an opportunity for kids who are less experienced the ability to try hockey without the required commitment currently inherent with travel hockey.
* Provide a more effective incubator for skill development, which will improve the likelihood the new skater will develop a passion for the sport. Expand our base-number of participants at the younger ages to develop successful competitive teams at the older age groups.

**Basic Playing Rules:**

Play will be either **4 on 4** or **5 on 5** action dependent upon team sizes for each game. The determination of which format to adhere to should be determined and agreed upon by the coaching staff.

*Intermediate sized nets will be used at the 8U level. Intermediate or standard sized nets may be used at the 10U Level.*

There are no off-sides or icing.

*Face-offs are used to start play at the beginning of each period and after a goal is scored only.*

A buzzer will be used at designated 2 minute intervals for line changes. The buzzer will indicate line changes, players on the ice leave the puck in place and play is resumed as it lays with the next shift of players (no faceoff).

*One referee will be utilized to facilitate game. Referees will be paid. In the event that referees cannot be scheduled for a game, a certified USA Hockey coach who has fulfilled all certifications may be used.*

When the goalie freezes the puck or puck leaves the playing surface, referee drops puck in near corner to keep play moving.

*There is a maximum of a 6 goal differential allowed to be shown on the score clocks. If the goal differential returns to 6, scoring will resume.*

Penalties-Referee will not call penalties but rather help players follow the rules. In case of flagrant infractions, the referee will escort the player back to his coach where they will receive further instruction.

*Penalties of the flagrant type will be served by sitting the remainder of that shift as well as the subsequent shift.*

Minor penalties will be served by sitting the remainder of that shift. Coaches are encouraged to teach their players about the rules of the game. The referees are to be mentored and encouraged to learn how to call penalties that are warranted.

*Game Time: Three 14 minute periods. Run Time. Three-minute warm-up. One Minute break between periods.*

A tied game after regulation play will result in a tie game. Games will need to end at 1 HOUR no matter where play is to allow Ice rink to stay on Schedule for All teams.

*Playoff game (Championship game only): If game is tied after regulation, a five minute sudden death overtime will be played. If a winner is not determined, the game will be deemed a tie and all the children shall laugh and hug their parents and tell them that a tie is OK, we’re just trying to have some fun!!!!*