



## 2020-21 Registration Guide

Welcome to Tornado Youth Hockey!

This year, we come into a season of uncertainty and many changes with the COVID-19 virus. Participating in any sport or organized activity during Coronavirus means accepting the accompanying guidance and regulations. This guidance is provided to us by local and federal health officials. There is also additional guidance specific to our association provided by USA Hockey and WAHA. With that in mind we are working hard to have as normal a season as possible. We ask you, our hockey families, to be flexible as we work through this challenging hockey season. Please read through this registration guide as there are some changes to our registration process.

If you're ready to register for the 2020-2021 season, continue reading here!

## Location check!

Before you register with TYH, let's make sure you're registering with the correct association! It is the goal of Tornado Youth Hockey to provide a quality youth hockey experience for skaters who **live** in the Onalaska, Holmen and G-E-T communities. Our intention is not to release any player from our association to another association OR accept another player from a neighboring association except under the most unusual of circumstances. The board reserves the right to review requests, which must be submitted in writing to the president.

Coulee Region Girls 14U, 12U and 10U are open to all girls in the Seven Rivers Region.

If you have any questions about your location and registering with TYH, email [registrar@tornadoyouthhockey.org](mailto:registrar@tornadoyouthhockey.org).

## How do I register my skater?

Registration for all players, all levels, returning and new, opens online Sept. 17, 2020. The process starts on the TYH website. Find your level and follow the registration steps below. Please read through our FAQs below the registration information!

### **Returning Mites (birth years 2012-2015)**

**Step 1:** visit <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/registration/> and register your skater (opens Sept. 17, 2020). While registering, you'll be prompted to visit USA Hockey to register your skater with that organization (necessary for TYH registration). **Registration closes Thursday, October 1.**

**Step 2:** Print and sign your "2020/21 Registration Packet" and your USA Hockey number confirmation sheet. Mail your USA Hockey number confirmation sheet and "2020/21 Registration Packet" to:

Matt Baranowski  
803 Knollwood Dr  
Holmen, WI 54636

***\*Parent Note:** The TYH Board is still working through the calendar, logistics and fees for the Mite season. At this time we do not require payment. We will communicate Mite Season details during the Returning Mite Parent Meeting in Step 3 below.*

**Step 3:** attend the Returning Mite Parent Meeting, **October 13** via ZOOM. Meeting information and meeting invite will be sent out after registration.

### **New Mites (birth years 2012-2016)**

**Step 1:** Due to COVID-19 contact restrictions we require all new Mites be able to skate independently. If your skater cannot skate without aid please register in our Learn to Skate program. **Registration closes Thursday, October 1.**

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**Step 3:** attend the New Mite Parent Meeting, October 15 via ZOOM. Meeting information and meeting invite will be sent out after registration.

## **Learn to Skate program (at least 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2020 and older)**

Our Learn to Skate program focuses on those taking their early steps on the ice. All your skater needs is a helmet and skates! Our Learn to Skate participants will join certified Learn to Skate USA instructors. We will send out more information as we work through the calendar, logistics and fees for our Learn to Skate and Try Hockey for Free programs.

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**Step 2:** Once registration has closed we will contact all Learn to Skate and Try Hockey for Free families with upcoming information on schedules, registration paperwork and fees and logistics.

**New and Returning:  
Squirts (2010-2011), Peewees (2008-2009) and Bantams  
(2006-2007)**

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**Step 2:** Print and sign your "2020/21 Registration Packet" and your USA Hockey number confirmation sheet.

\*2020-2021 fees are due at registration. Due to the unique circumstances this year we are asking for four installment payments. Installment plan: post-date checks Oct. 15, 2020, Nov. 15, 2020, Dec. 15, 2020 and Jan. 15, 2021.

Mail your **skater fee checks, fundraising payment, USA Hockey number confirmation sheet** and **"2020/21 Registration Packet"** to:

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**Step 3:** attend pre-tryout practices (watch for dates) and tryouts: Oct.24-25 for Squirts and Peewees. Bantams try-outs are yet to be determined.

**Coulee Region Girls Teams  
14U (2006-2007), 12U (2008-2009) and 10U (2010-2011)**

The girls teams are open to all female players in the Coulee Region. The Coulee Region Girls teams co-op with West Salem Youth Hockey. Ice time will be split between both rinks. Registration for all levels for the girls teams closes October 1. You will be notified immediately following closure regarding team status. If we are unable to fill a team, you're eligible for a full refund. If you're TYH-eligible (you live in Holmen, Onalaska or GET) and choose to play TYH Squirts, Peewees, or Bantams, we will transfer your registration fees at the appropriate rate. You will then attend pre-tryout practices and tryouts.

*When you register for the Girls teams through Tornado Youth Hockey, you make a commitment to the team. The team will count on your skater's presence at all games and tournaments. We ask that you don't attempt to split time between two teams.*

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**Step 3:** attend pre-season practices (watch for dates)

### **Will there be a girls option at the Mite level (2011 and after)?**

Later in the season we will gauge interest in forming a Mite girls team to play in a jamboree. For now, register your skater for TYH Mites if you live in Onalaska, Holmen or GET (if outside those areas, register your Mite with your local hockey association).

## **FAQs**

### **Can my new skater try hockey first?**

Due to COVID-19 we require all Mites be able to skate independently. If your skater cannot skate then our Learn to Skate program is perfect for you. We are evaluating our Learn to Skate and Try Hockey for Free programs. We hope to

offer both Learn to Skate and Try Hockey for Free programs later in the 2020-2021 season. Please send any questions to Kathy Wing, TYH Learn to Skate coordinator (email: [learn2skate@tornadoyouthhockey.org](mailto:learn2skate@tornadoyouthhockey.org)):

We will send out more information as we work through the calendar, logistics and fees for our Learn to Skate and Try Hockey for Free programs.

### **What level is my player?**

Learn to Skate season (Nov.-Dec.): new skaters at least 4 years old (by Dec. 31, 2020) and older

Mites: born 2012-2016 (**Must be able to skate independently**)

Squirts: born 2010-2011

Peewees: born 2008-2009

Bantams: born 2006-2007

Coulee Region Girls 14U: born 2006-2007

Coulee Region Girls 12U: born 2008-2009

Coulee Region Girls 10U: born 2010-2011

### **What are the fees?**

Try Hockey For Free 3-Day Program \$0 (see Try Hockey For Free section)

Learn to Skate program: \$TBD\*

Mites-New: \$TBD\*

Mites-Returning: \$TBD\*

Squirts: \$420\*

Peewees: \$470\*

Bantams: \$520\*

Girls 10U: \$420\*

Girls 12U: \$470\*

Girls 14U: \$520\*

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No checks? We ask that you pay in full with a money order or a cashier's check. Or, request checks from your bank.

Note: Coulee Region Girls Teams prices may decrease based on registration numbers. If that is the case, TYH will refund you the difference.

### **USA Hockey membership fee**

Registration with USA Hockey is required and is an additional \$50 paid directly to that organization (separate from your TYH fees). Each participant registering to play or coach will pay the USA Hockey fee (fee is waived for skaters age 6 ((birth year 2014)) and younger but registration with USA Hockey is still required).

USA Hockey registration must be completed for all players, coaches and volunteers.

[https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login\\_input.action](https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login_input.action)

### **What's included in my fees?**

- USA Hockey certified coaching team
- Team jersey rental
- Ice time (around \$75,000 rental fee during the season)
- Jamboree / Tournament entrance fees
- Game referees
- TYH annual WAHA dues and other operational expenses

### **What are the additional family fundraising commitments/ volunteer obligations?**

The board has selected the Dick's Sporting Goods Raffle as the organization's primary fundraiser. Family obligations are as follows:

#### **Learn to Skate program**

No additional commitments

#### **New Mites**

10 service hours, \$200 in Dick's Sporting Goods Raffle tickets\*, jamboree volunteering

#### **Returning Mites**

20 service hours, \$200 in Dick's Sporting Goods Raffle tickets\*, jamboree volunteering

#### **Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, Girls 10U, 12U and Girls 14U**

20 service hours, \$200 in Dick's Sporting Goods Raffle tickets\*, home game and tournament coordination. Note, if your family is new to TYH, your service hour obligation is 10 hours.

\*Raffle tickets payment, \$200, will be collected at registration. Please postdate your check 1/31/2021.

\*\*Incomplete services hours will be billed at \$25 per hour and must be paid prior to next season registration. To learn more visit the Service Hour and Commitment document on our policies page, <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/contacts/policies-and-documents/>.

### **We're new to hockey, how do we learn more?**

Visit the Tornado Youth Hockey website at <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/> and the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association website at <http://www.waha-hockey.com/>. Also feel free to contact any TYH board member, <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/contacts/>.

### **What is the refund policy?**

Fees will be refunded only when a player is injured and cannot continue the season, and then only on a prorated basis. For example, if the regular season is 18 weeks and a player is injured at 12 weeks, the refund is calculated by taking the 6 weeks they missed divided by 18 to get a 33% refund. If the skater fees were \$370.00 the refund would be \$122.10 ( $\$370 \times .33$ ).

Players who are eligible to tryout for high school teams may register with USA Hockey and TYH and skate with TYH until high school tryouts. In order to skate with TYH, the skater must have submitted registration fees in order to get on the ice with TYH. Player families are responsible to notify the Treasurer to request refunds and must do so within 30 days of player resignation or will forfeit their refund. All other requests for a refund must be submitted to the board in writing for approval.

Girls 14U, 12U and 10U: if TYH is unable to roster a team, you will be eligible for a full refund.

### **COVID-19 Refund Policy**

IF THE SEASON IS CANCELLED: From registration to October 31, we issue 100% refund



IF WE ARE IN SEASON AND THE SEASON IS CANCELLED BETWEEN:

Nov 1 to Dec 6, We refund 75% and keep 25%.

Dec 7 to Jan 10, We refund 50% and keep 50%.

Jan 11 to Feb 21, We refund 25% and keep 75%

Feb 22 to End of season, We refund 0% and keep 100%

### **What equipment does my player need?**

USA Hockey offers parents a guide to buying equipment. Watch at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2&v=fvefXKMi3cU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=fvefXKMi3cU)

For Learn to Skate participants, a helmet and skates are all you need.

### **Is there equipment available to use?**

Yes, TYH has a limited supply of equipment available for rent to Mite-level skaters. This is on a first come first serve basis. For more information contact TYH Equipment Coordinator, Brian Pinnow, at [equipmentcoordinator@tornadoyouthhockey.org](mailto:equipmentcoordinator@tornadoyouthhockey.org) or 608-769-8354.

### **Do I need to live in Holmen, GET or Onalaska?**

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### **Reference Links and Information**

TYH Handbook

[http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/files/9914/4128/5403/policy\\_manual2011.pdf](http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/files/9914/4128/5403/policy_manual2011.pdf)

Onalaska Omni Center Ice Schedule

<https://omnicenter.maxgalaxy.net/ScheduleList.aspx?ID=2>

Registration Questions  
Matt Baranowski, TYH Registrar  
[registrar@tornadoyouthhockey.org](mailto:registrar@tornadoyouthhockey.org) or 608-498-0765

## Try Hockey For Free

Due to COVID-19 we are evaluating when to offer our Try Hockey for Free event. Our hope is to offer the program in late 2020 or early 2021. Please continue to check our website for additional information. <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/learn-skate/>

2020 Session 1:	2020 Session 2:
TBD	TBD
TBD	TBD
TBD	TBD

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