



2017-2018 Registration Guide

Welcome to Tornado Youth Hockey!

If you're new to hockey and want to participate in our free Learn To Skate Hockey Program sessions (and our optional shorter seasons at the Mite level) before officially registering, please scroll down to our Learn To Skate section for more details.

If you're ready to register for the 2017-2018 season, continue reading here!

How do I register my skater?

Registration for all players, all levels, returning and new, opens online Aug. 15, 2017. The process starts on the TYH website. Find your level and follow the registration steps below. And, read through our FAQ's below the registration information!

Returning Mites (birth years 2009 and after)

Step 1: visit <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/registration/> and register your skater (opens Aug. 15, 2017).

Step 2: attend Registration Days to complete your registration. Attend either Aug. 23, 2017, 5-7 p.m. or Aug. 29, 2017, 6-8 p.m. (Omni Center). Bring your "Season 2017/18 Registration Packet" printed during the online registration process.

Step 3: attend Returning Mite Placement Night (skaters) and Returning Mite Parent Meeting, Oct. 12, 2017, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Omni Center).

Returning Squirts (2007-2008), Peewees (2005-2006) and Bantams (2003-2004)

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A late registration fee of \$50 will be assessed for skaters registering after Oct. 1, 2017.

Step 3: attend tryout practices (watch for dates and times) and tryouts Oct. 14-15, 2017.

**New Mites
Birth years 2009 and after**

Step 1: visit <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/registration/> and register your skater as a New Mite (opens Aug. 15, 2017).

Step 2: attend Registration Days to complete your registration. Attend either Aug. 23, 2017, 5-7 p.m. or Aug. 29, 2017, 6-8 p.m. (Omni Center). Bring your "Season 2017/18 Registration Packet" printed during the online registration process.

Step 3: attend the New Mite Placement Night (skaters) and New Mite Parent Meeting, Oct. 24, 2017, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Omni Center).

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New for 2017-2018

Girls 14U (2003-2006)

Girls 14U is open to all girls in the Seven Rivers Region.

Registration for Girls 14U closes Sept. 15. 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 (Holmen, Onalaska and GET school districts) and choose to play TYH Peewees or Bantams, we will transfer your registration fees at the appropriate rate. You will then attend pre-tryout practices and tryouts.

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When you register for the Girls 14U team 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.

Girls 10U (2007-2008)

Girls 10U is open to all girls in the Seven Rivers Region.

Registration for Girls 10U closes Sept. 15. 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 (Holmen, Onalaska and GET school districts) and choose to play TYH, we will transfer your registration fees at the appropriate rate. You will then attend pre-tryout practices and tryouts.

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Will there be a girls option at the Mite level (2009 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 in the Onalaska, Holmen and GET school districts (if outside that area, register your Mite with your local hockey association).

FAQs

Can my new skater try hockey first?

Yes. TYH offers Learn to Skate, an opportunity for new skaters to try hockey before officially registering. Registration for new skaters only will re-open during this week. Scroll down to our Learn To Skate section below.

What level is my player?

Mites: born 2009 and after

Squirts: born 2007-2008

Peewees: born 2005-2006

Bantams: born 2003-2004

Girls 14U: born 2003-2006

Girls 10U: born 2007-2008

What are the fees?

Learn To Skate Hockey 3-Day Program \$0 (see Learn To Skate section)

Mites-New: \$129*

Mites-Returning: \$210*

Squirts: \$420*

Peewees: \$470*

Bantams: \$520*

Girls 10U: \$420*

Girls 14U: \$520*

*2017/2018 fees are due at registration and can be paid in full or in four installments. Installment plan: post-date checks Oct. 15, 2017, Nov. 15, 2017, Dec. 15, 2017 and Jan. 15, 2018.

**Registration with USA Hockey is required and is an additional \$50 paid directly to that organization (separate from your TYH fees).

What's included in my fees?

- USA Hockey certified coaching team
- Team jersey
- Ice time (\$61,849.47 rental fee during the 2016-2017 season)
- Jamboree / Tournament entrance fee (\$10,980.25/away tournaments and \$5,261.87/home tournaments during the 2016-2017 season)
- Game referees
- TYH annual WAHA dues and other operational expenses

How long is the season?

Mites

For Returning Mites, the season starts with the Placement and Parent Meeting on Oct. 12, 2017. For New Mites, the season starts with the Placement and Parent Meeting, Oct. 24, 2017. The season runs between Nov. 1 and March 1. Beginner Mites, Intermediate and Advanced Mites can expect 30 practices during the season. All practices are voluntary. Your child will benefit from maximum ice time, but there is no penalty for missed practices.

In addition to practices, all mite levels will participate in three to five Hockey Jamborees, including the home jamboree.

Pending Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) approval and tournament availability, an away tournament may be added to the schedule.

*Tornado Youth Hockey does offer two shortened season sessions for Mite Learn to Skate participants. See the Learn to Skate section.

Squirts, Peewees and Bantams

Tryout practices will be held in the fall.

Tryouts are Oct. 14-15, 2017

The season runs between Nov. 1, 2017 and March 2018.

Girls 10U and 14U

With enough participation, the season will run between Nov. 1, 2017 and March 2018.

What are the additional family fundraising commitments/ volunteer obligations?

New for 2017-2018: TYH has streamlined the fundraising obligation! We will host one raffle only. The board has selected the Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card Raffle as the organization's primary fundraiser, eliminating the calendar raffle. Family obligations are as follows:

New Mites

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

Returning Mites

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

Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, Girls 10U and Girls 14U

20 service hours, \$200 in Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card Raffle tickets*, home game and tournament coordination

*Raffle tickets payment, \$200, will be collected at registration. Please postdate your check 1/31/2018. You'll receive your raffle tickets in early November.

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

What equipment does my player need?

The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) offers parents a guide to buying equipment. The guide, and a video on how to dress your skater, is available at <http://www.waha-hockey.com/index.php?module=cms&page=270>.

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 president at president@tornadoyouthhockey.org.

Do I need to live in the Holmen, GET or Onalaska School District?

It is the goal of Tornado Youth Hockey to provide a quality youth hockey experience for skaters that 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.

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

Reference Links and Information

TYH Handbook

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

Jane Comeau, TYH Registrar

registrar@tornadoyouthhockey.org or 608-498-9220

Learn To Skate

To register your skater for our free Learn To Skate 3-evening session, visit <http://www.tornadoyouthhockey.org/learn-skate/>

If you choose to join TYH after your Learn To Skate 3-evening session, you'll register online (registration will re-open during that week). If your skater is at the Mite level, you will have the option to register for the full season or a shortened season. All details will be shared during your Learn To Skate session.

Session 1 Learn to Skate

Oct. 1, 2017, 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Oct. 2, 2017, 6-6:50 p.m.

Oct. 4, 2017, 6-6:50 p.m. (registration will open)

Session 2 Learn to Skate

Oct. 1, 2017, 7-7:50 p.m.

Oct. 3, 2017, 6 - 6:50 p.m.

Oct. 5, 2017, 6-6:50 p.m. (registration will open)

Learn to Skate Questions

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