



Youth Hockey League
2011-2012

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What division will/should my child play in?

USA Hockey Age division for the 2011-2012 season will be applied.

2011-2012 WINTER SEASON

Mite	8 and Under	Born in 2003 or later
Squirt	9 and 10 Yr. Olds	Born in 2001 and 2002
PeeWee	11 and 12 Yr. Olds	Born in 1999 and 2000

What level of play will the Aerodrome Fall League offer?

Players of all skill levels are invited to join the League. The Fall/Spring league is an "In-House" League, comprised of teams from the Willowbrook Aerodrome, Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, Memorial City and Space City Ice Station (BAHHA).

How many teams per division are you anticipating at both the Aerodrome Willowbrook, and Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, Memorial City and Space City Ice Station?

	<i>Willowbrook</i>	<i>Sugar Land</i>	<i>BAHHA/Space City</i>	<i>Hitmen/Memorial City</i>	<i>College Station/Arctic Wolf</i>
<i>Mites</i>	2	2	1	1	0
<i>Squirts</i>	2	2	1	1	1
<i>Pee Wees</i>	3	2	1	0	0

Where will the teams practice and play?

The teams will practice at Aerodrome Willowbrook and games will be played at the Aerodrome Willowbrook, the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, Memorial City and Space City Ice Station. Teams can expect on average to have 25% of the games scheduled on Sundays. The above number of Sunday games may be more or less depending upon the number of teams fielded at all facilities.

How long is the season?

The Willowbrook Aerodrome officially begins the week of September 5th and ends the week of March 5, 2012.

What is the anticipated practice schedule?

Willowbrook has ice on Monday thru Thursday and the practices could be on any of those nights. We try to give the Mites and Squirts the earlier slots. You should anticipate being available on any of those nights. Please write any special requests on your registration form for practice dates and carpools. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate your requests, but we will try!

We typically have ice on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for the weeknight practices and the game slots in Willowbrook are Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings. We expect to have games in Sugar Land on Saturday mornings. The schedule for Space City Ice Station's and Memorial City's ice is being worked on as this goes to print but we expect that the games will be on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. The schedule is subject to change and could include games at other times.

Typical Game slots in Willowbrook:

- Saturdays:**
- 3:40pm In House
- 6:00pm In House
- 7:15pm In House

- Sundays:**
- 6:05pm In House

***PLEASE NOTE, ALL THE ABOVE TIMES ARE ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TENTATIVE ONLY!**

How much ice time will the players receive weekly?

*The Aerodrome Hockey Academy will on average provide one, one-hour practice weekly and one game per weekend. Some teams may end up with bye weeks due to the number of teams in their division. Some teams may have as many as two games scheduled on a given weekend. **There may be schedule changes and one or two weekends may be blacked out due to previously scheduled events. Every attempt will be made to notify the teams of changes in advance.** Most ice time lost by a team will be made up later in the season. The Mites will play cross ice games this season.*

How many players are placed on a team?

Generally, there are 15 players and two goalies placed on a team. Some teams may have fewer players depending upon the registration. We rarely have more than 15 and 2 but on a rare occasion it is possible

Can I request a car pool?

If you would like to request a car pool, please note your request on your contract. Efforts will be made to accommodate your request but we are not making any guarantees.

Will the Mites be following the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM)?

Yes, this season the 1 game a week will be a cross ice game.

Playing Requirements

Are there any skating requirements for players?

In order to participate in the league, players must have either completed Hockey 2, Mighty Mites or previously skated for a USA Hockey Ice Hockey registered team, or another sanctioned, organized ice hockey program in Canada or Europe.

Does my child have to be evaluated or drafted to be placed on a team?

Yes. Players will be evaluated the first time they are scheduled to be on the ice on September 7, 2011. The league will strive to create equally talented teams through an evaluation process. The coaches will notify you of the team and practice time for your player after all evaluations are completed.

What kind of hockey equipment does a player need?

According to the USA Hockey and to the Texas Amateur Hockey Association rules and guidelines, a player has to have the following equipment:

- . H.E.C.C. approved helmet with full-face shield.*
- . Protective cup/athletic supporter*
- . Non-clear mouthpiece*
- . Elbow pads*
- . Hockey gloves*
- . Hockey pants*
- . Shoulder pads*
- . Shin guards*
- . Skates*
- . Hockey sticks*
- . Neck Guards (for Mites and Squirts)*
- . Practice jersey and socks*
- . Optional: suspenders or garter belt*

Players in every division are required to wear the full equipment as listed above to participate in the practices and games. Refusal to conform and enforce these guidelines may subject a player, team or coach to suspension.