



Youth Hockey League—2019-2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What division will/should my child play in?

2019-2020 FALL IN-HOUSE SEASON

8 Yr. Olds and Under	Born in 2011 or later
9 and 10 Yr. Olds	Born in 2009 and 2010
11 and 12 Yr. Olds	Born in 2007 and 2008
13 and 14 Yr. Olds	Born in 2005 and 2006

Where will the teams practice and play?

The teams will practice at the Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex and games will be played at the Aerodrome, Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, Memorial City, Spirit Ice Center and Bellerive Ice Center. Teams can expect the games scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays.

How long is the season?

The Aerodrome in-house program officially begins September 3rd and ends March 1, 2020.

What is the anticipated practice schedule?

Willowbrook has ice on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and the practices could be on any of those nights. We try to give the 8U and 10U the earlier slots.

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. As we have done the past several seasons, we will do our best to get teams on the ice more than once a week for practice. Much of it depends on the total number of players who join and the available ice.*

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. 8U team run 12-13 players per team.

Are there any skating requirements for players?

In order to participate in the league, players must have either completed our Learn to Play program 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 the week of September 3, 2019. 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 documents are needed to play in-house?

You will need to bring a birth certificate to evaluations if you are new to our leagues or a first year 8U player.

Can teams go to a tournament this year?

Over the past couple of years we have had a fair number of players and coaches wanting to go to a tournament at some point in the season. We are looking to accommodate that concept and have been working with the Dallas Stars on providing that opportunity. This year our goal is to allow the 8U teams and the 10U teams to go to Austin for a tournament in November and for the 12U and 14U divisions we plan on co hosting a tournament with the Dallas Stars in Houston over Columbus Day weekend. The entry fee for the tournament will not be included in the program fee and tournaments are on a first come first serve basis.