

Dear MVI Maverick girl's hockey families,

I hope everyone is having a good summer as we get back to a more normal way of life. Hockey season is fast approaching and registration is right around the corner. Be sure to check the MVI website for registration updates. I would like to fill you in on some details regarding all girls hockey. Hopefully this will help you and your hockey player determine if all girls hockey is for her.

What are similarities between 8U and mite hockey?

- 8U players, like the mite eval group, will go through 2 hours of evaluations to help form teams of like-skill level players. A set of pre-determined drills and a scrimmage will be used to compile scores.
- 8U and mite eval group will have 4 weekends (8 hours) of warm-up ice prior to evaluation weekend
- Teams will be coached by parent volunteers along with the help of student coaches from Mounds View and Irondale High Schools
- Cost and ice time for 8U is similar to mite hockey. 8U Green (upper level team) is in line with Mite 4. 8U Gold/Black is in line with Mite 2/3.

What are differences between mite and 8U hockey?

- 8U hockey is for girls only. Mite hockey is predominately boys.
- There will be two or three 8U teams depending on final registration numbers. Mite eval group will form a total of 8-10 teams.
- MVI girl's teams will benefit from in-season instruction with OS Hockey Training.
- 8U teams take part in team outings to Minnesota White Caps and Golden Gopher Women's hockey games.
- 8U girls have silly locker room dance parties and build comradery with each other and as a team.

Should my girl hockey player play at least one year of mite hockey prior to registering for 8U?

Yes, it is helpful to have played at least one year of hockey prior to making the move to 8U. MVI Mini Mavericks (new to 2021-2022) and mite 1 are great steppingstones into 8U hockey. Playing a year or two of mites with kids of similar ability will help your girl gain confidence on the ice.

What happens if my hockey player goes through mite warm-up ice but then decides she wants to play 8U?

Come on over to 8U! Prior to evaluation weekend, your hockey player can change her mind. However, if she goes through tryouts for Mites, she will need to play Mites. If she goes through tryouts for 8U, she will have to play 8U.

Here's what some of our hockey players who play girls hockey had to say when asked why they decided to play all girls hockey...

"I get to see my friends! We have so much fun in the locker room, singing, talking about girl stuff, and dancing! I feel like I just have more in common with my teammates."

-Maddie 10U

"Most of my friends are girls and I get to see them on the ice. And they are all so nice. And we do things together as a team. And we don't check like the boys."

-Nellie 10U

"I made the change after playing three years of boys and girls hockey as I wanted to try something with friends and teammates that were all girls. We build a different and stronger bond and can relate to your teammates better."

-Taylor 15U

"I really enjoy spending time with my teammates in the locker room.

-Quinn 10U

"Most of my friends come from playing hockey. I get to spend practices, games, locker room time and out-of-town tournaments with them. We support and fight for each other on and off the ice."

-Paige MVHS

"I like playing all girls hockey because we make new friends every year."

-Maria 12U

"I like playing with my friends and pushing myself to compete against the other girls."

-Caitlyn 12U

"You create special bonds with your teammates and have a lot of fun!"

-McKenna 10U

"You will love playing with the girls because you have great coaches."

-Kennedy 10U

"It feels more like a community. I know everyone better. I understand what my teammates are going through."

-Elsa 12U

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Go Mavericks!!

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