



SPRING 2019 MITE PROGRAM

The Franklin Park Ice Arena is excited to announce that the Panther Spring Mite Program has been reformatted for the 2019 Spring season! We look forward to taking this next step to implement more of the USA Hockey ADM (American Development Model) principles that we started teaching this past season. For this reason, we have elected to not have our Gold Mites play in the NWHL for the Spring season and instead, focus on skill development to better prepare them for next Fall.

Spring Improvements Include:

- *More ice time*
- *Little to no travel*
- *Consistent weekly ice times all at FPIA*
- *Weekly cross ice games*
- *Weekly skills instruction from instructors with college hockey playing experience. Coaches will encourage players to participate in multiple sports, developing not just the hockey player but the athlete as a whole*

Panther coaches & skills instructors will emphasize ADM station based practice plans. Drills will be designed to focus on multiple skills & situations, increasing time with the puck and situational awareness. Kids will be encouraged to read, react & be creative with & without the puck. Small area games will be implemented to create an environment which encourages problem solving without over coaching.

Goalie specific training will take place once a week.

- For 6 - 8 year olds (2011-2013 birth years)
- 2013 players must be approved & will not be eligible to play at the Gold Mite level in the Fall
- Practices will be on Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays
- Fee includes reversible jersey

Questions?

Contact Tim Monroe at tmonroe@fpparks.org
or call 847-671-4268, ext 218

Registration begins:

- Feb 5 - In District Residents
- Feb 6 - Returning Fall Gold Mites & Jr Panthers
- Feb 10 - Current Panther Paw Groups 4/5/6
- Feb 11 - Open Registration

Skater Fee: \$300 (ID) / \$335 (OD)
Goalie Fee: \$225 (ID) / \$245 (OD)

Pay in full or a \$150 deposit is due at registration with remaining balance automatically charged to your credit card on 3/6/19.