



## 2021-22 Shakopee Hockey General Information

The intent of this document is to help communicate information about the Shakopee Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) 2021-22 season including cost, levels of play, coaching and general information. A considerable amount of planning occurs for each season, however, decisions/requirements from District 6, Minnesota Hockey and other authoritative parties are out of our control. The information provided below is to the best of our knowledge and are general guidelines with estimated costs and dates.

### Levels of Play

Level of Play	Format	Gender	Birth Date/Grade Level	Season Dates
Mite M1/8U1 (Primarily 1st Year Players)	In-house	Boys & Girls (COED Mixed Teams)	6-1-2015 – 5-31-2017 (Pre-K, K)	October - March
Mite M2/8U2	In-house	Boys & Girls (COED Mixed Teams)	6-1-2014 – 5-31-2016 (K, 1st)	October - March
Mite M3/8U3	In-house/Travel	Boys & Girls (Seperate Teams)	6-1-2012 – 5-31-2015 (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	October - March
Mite M4/8U4	In-house/Travel	Boys & Girls (Seperate Teams)	6-1-2012 to 5-31-2015 (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	October - March
Squirt	Travel	Boys & Girls	6-1-2010 to 5-31-2012	September - March
10U	Travel	Girls	6-1-2010 to 5-31-2012	September - March
PeeWee	Travel	Boys	6-1-2008 to 5-31-2010	September - February/March
12U	Travel	Girls	6-1-2008 to 5-31-2010	September - February/March
Bantam	Travel	Boys	6-1-2006 to 5-31-2008	September - February/March
15U	Travel	Girls	6-1-2005 to 5-31-2008	September - February/March
Jr. Gold	Travel	Boys	6-1-2002 to 5-31-2006	November- February/March

### Shakopee Youth Hockey Registration

- Registration for all SYHA teams will take place online at [www.shakopeehockey.com](http://www.shakopeehockey.com) starting around August 1st, 2021.
- Registration payment must be made via credit or debit card through the online SYHA registration process.
- Any player that has a payment due from a previous season will not be allowed to participate in pre-skates, try-outs or any other current season activity until the balance is paid in full.
- Registration questions should be directed to Kristine McGuire at [registrar@shakopeehockey.com](mailto:registrar@shakopeehockey.com). A mandatory parent meeting will be held in September for travel level players and in October for Mite players. Notification of the date, time, and location of the meeting will be communicated to all registrants.

## **Minnesota Hockey Participation Rule**

For the 2021-22 season, the Minnesota Hockey participation rule states that players must register and participate with the association whose boundaries incorporate the player's residence. Players must reside or open enroll in Shakopee School District #720 or attend Shakopee Area Catholic School (SACS) and have a current signed waiver on file before registering. If a player desires to participate on a team from any other association, the player must obtain a signed waiver from both the releasing and receiving association president prior to submission to the district for approval.

The full participation rule can be found online at [www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org) and [www.d6hockey.net](http://www.d6hockey.net). If you have questions or need a waiver signed, please contact Jason Wolner, SYHA President, at [president@shakopeehockey.com](mailto:president@shakopeehockey.com)

## **Coaches**

- **Non-parent coaches:** The goal is to have non-parent coaches for all travel teams, having a non parent coach will result in having a higher ice bill in the spring, No Non parent Mite coaches. This is dependent on the number of applicants and is unfortunately not always achieved.
- **Coaching Referral Program:** Any association member that refers a non-parent coach to the Hockey Development Committee for consideration will receive \$100 if that coach gets hired for the 2021-22 season.
- **Parent coaches:** Parent coaches need to complete the coaching application and will be selected after team placements are finalized.
- **Certification Requirements:** All SYHA coaches must be certified through USA Hockey. All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1, and must continue their education each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 3 or 4.
  - Exception - Coaches who will only coach at the Mite level may remain at Level 1 until they coach at the travel level. They will then need to progress annually to Level 3
- **MN Hockey Rule :** All coaches must complete their online age-specific module and any necessary screenings prior to participating with their team
- Rostered upper level travel coaches (Sq/10U – Junior Gold) will be reimbursed for certification classes upon providing receipt.
- All assigned coaches must register online at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) prior to the first practice.

## **Travel Teams Tryouts**

<b>Level of Play</b>	<b>Approx. Dates</b>	<b>Format</b>
Squirt	Approx. Oct. 2 – Oct. 16	Skills & Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
10U	Approx. Oct. 2 – Oct. 16	Skills & Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
PeeWee	Approx. Sept 27 – Oct. 6	Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
12U	Approx. Sept 27 – Oct. 6	Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
Bantam	Approx. Sept 27 – Oct. 6	Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
15U	TBD (After HS Tryout)	Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)
Junior Gold	TBD (After HS Tryout)	Scrimmage/Game Play (3-5 hrs)

**Tryout details:** Tryouts will be closed and no parents will be allowed in the arena. Tryout dates, format and team levels may change based on final registration numbers. More information can be found on the tryout page of the SYHA website.

**Goalies Tryouts:** Association policy states that Goalies who “skate out” must be able to score good enough at the A or B team.

## **Pre-Skates**

- Pre-skates take place in September prior to try-outs. These sessions are ***OPTIONAL*** but highly encouraged. Ice time used for pre-skates will be reflected on the ice bills for all players regardless of attendance. We ask that players attend their assigned group, if a fall sport has a time conflict you may skate at the other option with prior approval. It's important to try to maintain even #'s for good reps.

## Travel Team Schedule (Estimates Only)

Level of Play	D6 Games (Est)	Tournaments	Practice Hours (Est.)
Squirt/10U	12-16	3	70-80
PeeWee/12U	16-18	3	80-90
Bantam	16-18	3	80-90

**Schedule Notes:** D6 guidelines permit each team to attend one out-of-town tournament.

### Volunteering

- Each family is required to work 16 hours of volunteer time.
  - Exceptions
    - Families with their only player(s) at the M1/8U1 Level and 1st year in the association are only required to complete 8 volunteer hours.
    - Families with their only player(s) at the Jr. Gold Level are only required to complete 8 volunteer hours.
  - Scholarship families will need to complete 30 hours of DIBS.
  - A \$500 refundable deposit is required from each family at the start of the season and is destroyed if the full obligation is met. This will be a check post dated for May 1st 2022. Check must be written out to Shakopee Hockey and your player(s) Name in the memo line.
- Families may buyout of volunteering for \$400 ONLY during registration.
- Additional details can be found online on [www.shakopeehockey.com](http://www.shakopeehockey.com) under volunteer info and will be presented at the Traveling parent meeting in September & Mite parent meeting in October.

### Equipment

- Equipment – player provides all equipment.
- Jerseys/socks – SYHA has gone to player-paid jerseys/socks. You will be prompted to purchase your jersey during registration. If you haven't purchased your jersey/socks package you must do so ASAP as you may miss scrimmages and games. Mite M3/8U3 & Mite M4/8U4 players will be purchasing a sublimated jersey/knit sock package too. Younger level mite players will receive an in-house jersey and one pair of hockey socks also.
- Travel players will receive a reversible practice jersey at first day of tryouts. This will act as their tryout jersey and players will keep them for the season.
- Team Jackets: The SYHA will be continuing the team jacket program. New jackets will be purchased for players moving to a new level (e.g. Squirts to Peewees) or first year Traveling players (Sq/10U & above). Fitting information and deadline information will be sent in the first part of September for your player to be fitted for the proper size. Fittings taken place after this deadline will not be included in the pre-season order and delivery may be delayed. For parents wishing to buy a new jacket for a player otherwise not eligible for one, they can receive the discounted price.
- All players must have their own water bottle at the travel levels to prevent the spread of germs.

### Traveling players dress code requirements:

- **Black helmet** - Helmets may have accents in Saber colors (Red, White or Gray)
- **Goalie helmets may be any color.**
- **Black Breezers** - No Stripes or accents (Solid Black) If you need to purchase a black breezer pant shell please check hockey retail and online stores.
- **Black Gloves:** Gloves may have Saber color accents (Red, White or Gray). No all Red Gloves.

***Players will not be allowed on the ice during tryouts, games, tournaments or scrimmages outside of the above guideline. We are one association!***

**Garment bags** are highly recommended for all travel players and can be purchased at Valley sports or other suppliers throughout the metro. The garment bag supports the proper care of the jerseys during the unpredictable winter months.

## **Program Philosophy**

The goal of the SYHA hockey program is “to be the best we can be” at each level. The win-loss record of a group is important, but only in terms of the strategies of the game. Our athletes within the program will have “high expectations” placed on them on and off the ice.

There are five expectations that we have of athletes that are associated with the program. These expectations are not directly related to winning or losing. They are as follows:

1. To act with “class” on and off the ice
2. To be the best you can be (hockey player, student, and person)
3. Always give 100%
4. To be an unselfish player and individual
5. To be chemical-free

“Success” is attaining the goal of “being the best you can be”. It is a journey. Therefore, with a certain group of athletes, “success” might be attained despite having a losing record. Another may have a winning record, but in fact not be as successful because they had not reached the goal of “the best you can be”. The program will be based on a belief that if all the little things are done correctly, the scoreboard will take care of itself.

We will be team oriented in our approach. In the game of hockey, if the goals of the group are to be reached, it will occur through the dedication and effort of many individuals. Nothing can be accomplished alone in hockey.

## **Attendance Policy for Travel Teams (non-Mites)**

To strive for maximum team success and development at the individual and team level, it’s important that all players attend every practice, scrimmage and game. The attendance policy for the 2021-22 season is as follows:

- Enforcement of the attendance policy will begin the following levels:
  - 12U, PW & Bantam: October (Upon completion of Tryouts in early Oct.)
  - 10U & Squirts: (November 1)
  - 15U & Junior Gold (Upon completion of HS tryouts)
- Players are required to attend ALL games, scrimmages, practices.
- Excused absences include religion, school activities, current fall sport game or practice, illness, and family emergencies.
- Holidays and family vacations will not be considered excused absences.
- Consequences of missing a practice, scrimmage or game:
- Each player is allowed 3 unexcused absences to be used at their family’s discretion. These ‘passes’ were added to the attendance policy to help families plan for vacations and holidays during the hockey season.
- Players missing a game/practice/scrimmage session due to an unexcused absence (beyond the pre-mentioned three) will be required to sit 1 game period per practice/scrimmage session missed.
- Unexcused absences result in the player sitting during the next scheduled game. If multiple kids are affected, it is then the coach’s discretion as to when, not if, they sit. If a player has to sit two or more games in a row he/she is not required to sit back to back games.
- It will not be considered an unexcused absence if a player misses a team practice or game that was scheduled within 7 days of notification.

## **Playing Time Policy for Travel Teams (Non-Mites)**

**AA & A -Teams Bantam/Peewee/15U/12U/Junior Gold** - At these levels, the coaches will strive to provide each player with a similar amount of playing time during the season. All players will be exposed to Power Play and/or Penalty Kill situations in games throughout the year. Shortening of the bench can occur in the final minutes of a game. **\*\*Exceptions to the guidelines are listed below**

**B&C Teams Bantams/Peewee/15U/12U** - All players will play evenly throughout every game aside from special teams and the last three minutes of each game where the coach will have the discretion to deviate from equal play guidelines. All players will have the opportunity to play in both Power Play and Penalty Kill situations during games throughout the year. Coaches are encouraged to rotate positions throughout the season in order to find the best positional fit for each player and to continue their development. **\*\*Exceptions to the guidelines are listed below**

**10U and Squirts (All Teams)** - All players will play evenly throughout every game aside from special teams and the last three minutes of each game where the coach will have the discretion to deviate from equal play guidelines. All players will

have the opportunity to play in both Power Play and Penalty kill situations during games throughout the year. Players will also rotate positions throughout the season. **\*\*Exceptions to the guidelines are listed below**

**\*\*Exception(s) to the above guidelines** - A coach will have the flexibility to reduce a player's ice time if the player is not meeting the work ethic required or for disciplinary reasons. The coach will communicate to the player and parent(s) if a player is subject to a deviation from the guidelines. Actions causing a deviation include, but are not limited to:

- adhering to the SYHA attendance policy
- work ethic
- on / off ice behavior

### **2021-22 Shakopee Mites/6U/8U Levels -- M1 - M4 (Boys and Girls)**

**Please register for their designated grade level within their birthday range. Most will play for their age group and only a few will be moved up/down based on their evaluation results. The number of spots available for "movers" is solely based on registration numbers. We won't know this number until registration closes.**

#### **MITES IMPORTANT DATES - 2021**

- **September and Early October:** Mite Skills Camp 10 sessions
- **10/9 - 10/10:** M3, M3 Girls, M4, and M4 Girls Evaluations
- **Mid-October:** M3, M3 Girls, M4, and M4 Girls Team Results
- **10/23 - 10/24:** Practices begin, all levels
- **11/7:** Teams Assigned M1 & M2
- **12/18 & 12/19:** Shakopee Holiday Tournament
- **3/18 - 3/20:** MITE end-of-season jamboree (inhouse)

#### **Player Development Skills Progression Mites/6U/8U (M1-M4)**

##### **M1 Boys and Girls Combined** (Focus on skating and FUN)

1. Balance on ice, eyes up/chest up skating
2. Skate in athletic/hockey position/knees bent
3. Introduce edges, leg extension pushes and proper way to hold stick

##### **M2 Boys and Girls Combined** (Add Passing/Puck Control/Shooting)

1. Continue with skating in proper athletic/hockey position, full leg extension (not using stick as a crutch)
2. Introduce eyes up concept w/puck/proper puck skills/hold stick correctly (stick handling wrist roll, shooting instruction)
3. Introduce working inside/outside edges, crossovers and backwards skating

**M3 & M3 Girls** (Develop and refine fundamental skills/introduce team concept)

1. Continue with above at higher tempo (eyes up with & w/o puck...explain why)
2. Emphasize puck skills, stationary and moving (work shooting into as many drills as possible)
3. Introduce small area game concepts (**compete, compete, compete**)

**M4 & M4 Girls** (Continue to develop and refine fundamental movement skills (skating, turning, acceleration), manipulation skills (shooting, puck control, passing) and overall motor skills (balance, coordination, agility))

1. Continue all skills at higher pace without losing good form (use pucks, eyes up=smart player)
2. Push for advanced puck skills (shooting, stick handling, proper hand placement)
3. More team play small area games (passing, head manning the puck, spread out, positional play, competition)

### **Mites General Information**

**Sportsmanship** is one of the key elements in Shakopee Youth Hockey. We expect that the players (and their parents) win or lose will be respectful and considerate of the other team (and their parents). Mite hockey is all about fun and learning and we want to make sure that all of our players are learning good lessons. Help us make this a fun year for our skaters!

### **Mite Hockey Registration Frequently Asked Questions**

***How old does my child have to be to play hockey (2021-22 season)?***

**M1:** Must be born before Born on or after June 1, 2014 to play – 4/6 age

**M2:** Must be born before Born on or after June 1, 2014 to play – 4/6 age

**M3:** Must be born before June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014 to play – 7/8 age

**M4:** Must be born before June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014 to play – 7/8 age

NOTE: MHDC Members and Coordinators will evaluate at the beginning of the season and throughout the year to ensure each child is in the correct program to maximize their learning potential based on their current skill performance.

***Does my child have to know how to skate to start hockey?***

No. The SYHA Mite program is a developmental program designed to teach all kids the fundamental skills necessary to play the game of hockey, as well as the elementary concepts of the game itself. Skating is the most fundamental of these skills and a major focus of the entire Mite program.

***How long does the season run?***

The season runs late Mid-October or early November through the third weekend of March.

### ***How often do they practice?***

- M1 (ages 4-6): 2-3 sessions a week – Saturday/Sunday/one mid-week every other week
- M2 (ages 4-6): 2-3 sessions a week – Saturday/Sunday/one mid-week every other week
- M3/M3 Girls (6-8): 3 sessions a week – Saturday/Sunday/one mid-week
- M4/M4 Girls (6-8): 3-4 sessions a week – Saturday/Sunday/one or two mid-week rotating

### ***At what Mite level do I register my child?***

ALL Players must register for the appropriate level according to their birth date. Players may not play up (or down) except in extremely rare circumstances. Shakopee Youth Hockey is in alignment with the governing body, Minnesota Hockey, with regards to this policy. Please refer to the SYHA Age Level Policy for further clarification.

### ***Will my child be placed with other children from his/her school?***

SYHA will make its best effort to organize all Mini Mite, Rookie/6U, and Intermediate teams around schools, neighborhoods, and "play-with" requests. Players registering after the registration deadline are not guaranteed to be placed with "play-with" requests or their schools/neighborhoods.

Teams at the Advanced Mite/8U levels are balanced by skill level following an on-ice evaluation of all players. SYHA and the Advanced Mite coaches will still make an effort to form the teams with the school in mind to increase the likelihood that the players will have friends on their team.

### ***Will my child have practice at the same times every week?***

No. SYHA has access to two sheets of ice at the Shakopee Ice Arena. We will try to keep the Saturday & Sunday times and locations as consistent as possible however the mid-week sessions will be scheduled at different evening times as per out ice scheduler availability. Because of the complexity of scheduling mite practices for 15-20 mite teams alongside practices, games, and tournaments for dozens more teams at older playing levels, the schedule varies by week, and it is not always possible to guarantee the same set the schedule each week. Thank you in advance for your patience as our scheduler works to provide as much advance notice as possible for practice times.

### ***Do I need to live in the Shakopee School District?***

YES. Minnesota Hockey requires us to ensure that all players are currently enrolled in a public/private school within the Shakopee School District OR live within the district boundaries. ALL registrations will be checked against district boundaries before being processed.

Open Enrollment and Private School (K-12) enrollment within District #720 attendance area will require school verification to be submitted (and waiver completed) to the SYHA Registrar before registrations will be accepted.

### ***Why are the fees higher for different Mite levels?***

The amount of ice time is increased at each Mite level. M1, M2, M3, and M4 levels also participate in several skills clinics throughout the year as part of the program. The costs of the skills clinics are built into the registration fees.

### ***What is the multi-skater discount?***

If a family has more than 2 hockey players within the Shakopee Hockey Association, they will not be required to participate in the SYHA fundraising programs. The first 2 players however will still be required to follow the fundraising protocols.

### M3 and M4 Evaluations

In order to ensure that all players are able to participate with other players of their same skill level, M3 and M4 players (generally 2nd and 3rd-graders) participate in an evaluation session prior to the start of the season.

The evaluation consists of four timed drills consisting of the types of skills most players of this age have learned (or started to learn). Each player will have an opportunity to practice the drills during a preseason practice session prior to being timed on evaluation day. Players run through each drill twice, with their fastest time counting towards their total. Players are then placed on teams with other players of similar skill, based on the structure below:

**M4** (2-3 balanced teams - 2nd/3rd grade mix): The top 30-45 (depending upon skill level) player times from the evaluation drills.

**M4 Girls** (1-2 balanced teams - 2nd/3rd grade mix): The top 15-30 (depending upon skill level) player times from the evaluation drills.

**M3** (4-6 balanced teams - 2nd/3rd grade mix): Players with the next-best times 40-60 players in total) from the evaluation drills.

**M3 Girls** (2-3 balanced teams - 2nd/3rd grade mix): Players with the next-best times 20-40 players in total) from the evaluation drills.

\*First-time or inexperienced players have the option of being placed automatically at a lower level without going through evaluations. Contact the MHDC or level coordinator to discuss this option if interested.

### 2021-22 Estimated Season Cost per Level

Level of Play	Registration	Fundraising	USA & MN Hockey Fees	Estimated Remaining Ice Bill Balance Due (Approximate)
First Year M1/8U1 or M2/8U2	\$99	\$120	See note below	None
Second Year M1/8U1 or M2/8U2	\$250	\$120	See note below	None
Mite M3/8U3's	\$300	\$120	\$56	\$300
Mite M4/8U4's	\$300	\$120	\$56	\$350
Squirt	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,375
10U	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,375
Pee Wee	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,425
12U	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,425
Bantam	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,625
15U	\$195	\$120	\$56	\$1,250
Junior Gold	\$195		\$56	\$1,150

#### Season Cost Notes:

- Registration Fees:
  - Mites (All Levels): the fees are used to help offset the cost of the in-house program and the season (ice fees, Jamboree, referees, etc).
  - Travel teams (Squirt/10U and above): the fees cover the ongoing costs of running the association (for example, tryout ice and evaluators, goalie.skater skills program, annual audit and tax return fees, website, Intro to Hockey program, billpay, District 6 fees, Coach Certification Fees, bank fee, Skate program, etc.).



- **Fundraising Fees:** It is mandatory for all members of the SYHA to participate in the selected Fundraising Program. The fee is \$120.00 per player and will be collected at the time of registration. Families with more than two registrations have a capped fee of \$240.00, this will be the maximum collected. The Fundraising product is available for players to sell and earn back 100% of the fee. More information regarding the Fundraising Program will be communicated to all families as we approach the season.
- **USA & MN Hockey Fees:** These fees are required by USA and MN Hockey. Players with a 2015 or later birth year are exempt from these fees, but must still follow the registration process accordingly.
- **Remaining Balance Due:**
  - Mites (M3, M4, 8U3, 8U4) – there will be an additional \$300-\$350 cost to cover the additional practices, D6 games, referees, etc.
  - Travel teams (Squirt/U10 and above):
    - Recurring automatic payments will be made through the bill pay system on the Shakopee Hockey website to total the estimated balance due for the season. A final catch-up invoice will be issued at the end of the season for the difference of the estimated cost to the actual total and will also be paid through the bill pay system. ***During registration you will be required to login to the bill pay system and authorize payment.*** Families can choose to pay their entire estimated ice bill August thru Sept 1.
    - Total ice bill cost will include, but is not limited to: fees for tournaments, ice bills, D6 charges, and non-parent coaches (if applicable).
    - Estimate is based on the average cost per player during the 2021-22 season and guidelines outlined above.
    - These costs are **ESTIMATES** and will vary based on the number of practice hours, shared ice, number of tournaments and players per team.
    - **Ice Bill:** At the end of the season, ice fees will be reconciled and may result in an ice bill for some teams. **EACH TEAM WITH A NON-PARENT COACH/COACHES WILL MOST LIKELY INCUR AN ADDITIONAL ICE BILL IN MARCH.** The FINAL TEAM ICE BILL can vary widely from team to team. Generally, Ice bills might cost between \$0 to \$400 per player, but may be higher in some circumstances
    - Other Costs: Other non-registration related costs may also be incurred during the season. Examples of such costs may include (but are not limited to) equipment, away tournament hotel rooms, optional team apparel, etc.
- **Late Fees:** A late fee charge of \$50 will be assessed to any traveling player (Squirts/U10 and above) who registers after September 4<sup>th</sup> and any M2/8U2 - M4/8U4 player who registers after October 1<sup>st</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> year M1/8U1 will not be charged a late fee but NO registrations will be accepted after Dec. 1.
- **REFUND POLICY** – All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Registrar and approved by the board.
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  - Requests received prior to the first grading/tryout session will receive a full refund, less \$100 cancellation fee and a pro-rated ice bill based on pre-skates.
  - Requests received after first grading, but before teams are rostered will lose the registration fee for that level.
  - After teams have been rostered, no registration refunds will be given. A few exceptions have been made by the Board of Directors. Examples in the past have included:
    - Players that make a High School Varsity/JV team after SYHA teams have been rostered.
    - Special circumstances involving season ending injury factoring in date of injury and costs incurred by the Association on behalf of the player.

### **S.K.A.T.E. Program**

The Shakopee Hockey Association is again proud to partner with Minnesota Hockey Journal and offer our players the opportunity to participate in the S.K.A.T.E. (Skaters Keep Achieving through Education) program. This program is meant to recognize and reward the efforts of student athletes who play hockey.

All hockey players on 15U, 10U, 12U, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, 15U, Jr Gold, and High School are eligible to sign-up for the S.K.A.T.E. program during the registration process. By signing up for the S.K.A.T.E. program the student athlete is committing to work towards a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher during the 1st semester or 2nd quarter of the 2020-21 academic year.

If the student athlete obtains a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher for the 1st semester or 2nd quarter they are qualifiers and become eligible to participate in the association's recognition night. Players who receive special education assistance may qualify with a letter from their case manager stating they showed above average performance. Additionally, qualifying student athletes are entered in a statewide sweepstakes presented by Minnesota Hockey Journal.

### **Recreation League Available through Minnesota Hockey**

For the 2020-21 season, Minnesota Hockey will again be offering a recreation league for Squirt/10U through Bantam/15U/Junior Gold aged players as an alternative to the traditional travel model offered through the associations. This program does not require a signed waiver. More information can be found at <https://www.minnesotahockey.org/recleague> or by contacting Tom Mickus Rec League Director Phone: 651-248-3075.

Do not register online through Shakopee Hockey for this league.